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City to Keep Fire Station #2

By Dan Oakes

The hard work and commitment of Licia Davidson appears to have paid off. Davidson, a Canyon resident whose propert is within spitting distance of the Sierra Madre fire station on Alta Vista known as Fire Station #2, was alarmed (no pun intended) to discover that the City of Sierra Madre intended to sell the station for use as a private residence. Though the area is zoned R-1 residential, a number of variances would be required for the converstion to a residence, and Davidson and other neighbors had concerns regarding parking, privacy, and more. She took her concerns to the street, and ended up with over 100 signatures on a petition opposing the sale of Fire Station #2.

The original recommendation was to sell Fire Station #2, and use proceeds to create a station that would be in closer proximity to Canyon residents, at the City Yard. Fire Station #2 is not a responding station.

Mayor Doug Hayes, however, read a written recommendation from Fire Chief Ed Tracy in which he no longer requested the sale of Fire Station #2, but asked that it continue to be used as a storage facility.

Canyon resident Yolanda Malone stated that she was grateful to Chief Tracy, and told Robert Sebree, the high bidder on the property, that it wasn't personal.

Sebree, however, disagreed, saying, "Thank you, but there's no other way to take this. I worked within the system; I put in an honest bid in a timely manner." Sebree believes that he was the victim of discrimination, and that had a Sierra Madre resident been awarded the bid, it would have gone through. "To say they don't want me would be discrimination, so they say they don't want a Fire Station." He noted that Marc Fisher, who along with his wife, Councilmember Kris Miller Fisher, submitted a bid on the property (later withdrawn, as was Councilmember Glenn Lambdin's), then signed a petition in opposition to the conversion of the station to a living space. "When you say, 'It's OK for us, but not for you,' to me, that's the very definition of discrimination," said Sebree.

Canyon resident John May said, "The Canyon feels neglected when it comes to fire fighting services." May also asked that the Council re-think its process for disposition of public property; the bids taken on Fire Station #2 were done without its being advertised or noticed. Caroline Brown and Richard Trader agreed with this point.

Licia Davidson stated that she didn't see how it could be a common benefit to the citizenry to remove a fire station. "The best time to have an on-site station is before you need one," said Davidson.

Councilmember Kris Miller Fisher stated that she liked Chief Tracy's recommendation, and that she would also like to examine the process for disposition of public property.

Fire Chief Ed Tracy, visibly annoyed, particularly by May's comment about the Canyon's feeling neglected when it comes to fire protection, took the podium and pointed out that the responding station on Sierra Madre Blvd. is only 1 1/4 miles from the Canyon. While it would be possible to put an engine in Fire Station #2, Tracy asked, "OK, who's going to man and operate it?" Currently, only two Sierra Madre firefighters live in the Canyon, and they are out of the area during the day. Tracy complimented Fire Marshal Rich Snyder, and noted that the department has been successful in mitigating fire problems thanks to an aggressive fire prevention program. He encouraged anyone con-

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Pictured, from left to right, Fire Chief Ed Tracy, Firefighter Sal Tesoro, and Deputy Chief Bob Spears, who was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

Tree Ordiance: Back to the Drawing Board

By Dan Oakes

The Sierra Madre City Council met Tuesday night and attempted to take care of what Mayor Doug Hayes has called "Job one," the institution of a permanent tree ordinance. Ordinance 1103 was adopted by the City Council in November, 1993, and was on the books for almost four years, before being repealed late in 1997, since which time, City staff has attempted to come up with a permanent ordinance. One proposed ordinance which identified a handful of trees which would be protected on private property was considered a compromise in some circles, as trees not identified specifically for protection were essentially left to property owners' discretion; that ordinance, however, was assailed at a City Council meeting earlier this year as overly restrictive, and what was a 4-1 vote in favor of passing the ordinance (Hayes dissenting) turned into a 5-0 vote against the ordinance at second reading.

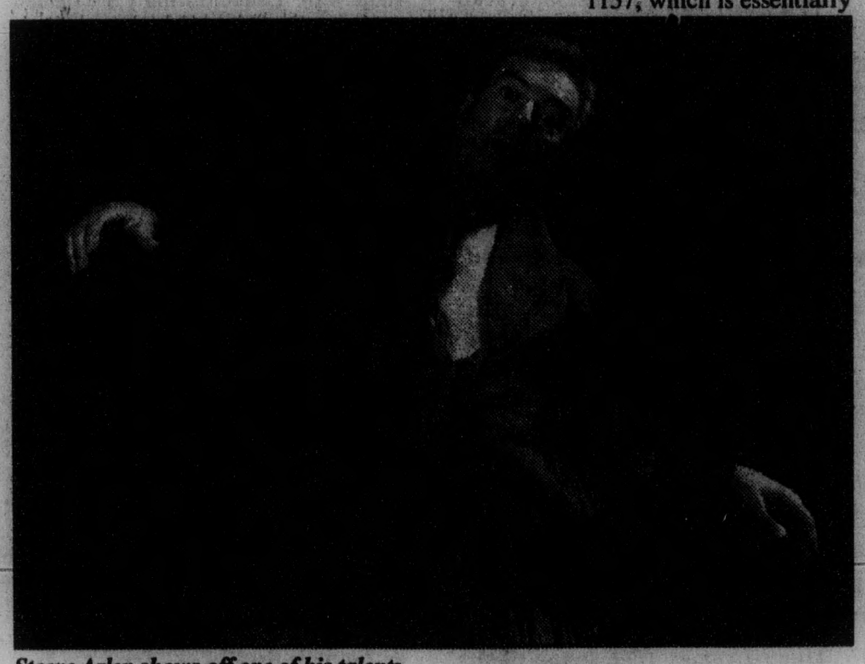
Back to the drawing board it was for Director of Public Works Bruce Inman, who returned to the City Council Tuesday night with Ordinance 1157, which is essentially Ordinance 1103 all over again. The process can't be much fun for Inman, especially after the latest proposal was criticized Tuesday night as being...(you guessed it) insufficiently restrictive. Like Ordinance 1103, proposed Ordinance 1157 attempts to control private property actions pertaining to trees via the building and development process, but does not protect trees on property that is not undergoing development.

Marsha Blackwelder brought a proposed urgency ordinance to the Council, and stated that the current urgency ordinance has been ineffective, and also placed a finanical burden on tree trimmers in town. "It's done absolutely nothing to save any of our large, native trees," said Blackwelder. She added that the City's greatest wealth is measured in its trees, which are a long-term investment that increases property value. She also noted that the General Plan talks strongly about preserving native trees, and discussed the possibility of instituting an educational program.

Joy Phillips, Jay Whitcraft, and Brian Donner read letters from Donner's 4th and 5th grade students urging the Council to protect the City's oak trees. 4th and 5th graders' perspectives included, "I implore you to save the oak trees," "God gave us a gift, so don't abuse it, or there will be consequences," and "Dear Sierra Madre City Council: Why do you even have to think about saving the oak trees?"

Mark Beirich, one of the members of the former Tree Commission (which was abolished, along with Ordinance 1103), said that he found it "very interesting that you've dusted off the old ordinance and brought it out again, but the old problems will not

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Steeve Arlen shows off one of his talents

Steeve Arlen: Renaissance Man

By Dan Oakes

Steeve (Yes, it's supposed to have three E's) Arlen and fiancee Wanda Lee live in Renaissance Plaza in Sierra Madre, which is fitting, as Arlen is truly a renaissance man. Born in Wales, he was educated in England, though his father was American. He studied to be a priest, played a lot of rugby, had a stint in the military, and naturally, ended up a critically acclaimed actor. "I never actually studied acting," says Arlen, "but if you study to be a priest, you learn how to act."

Steeve broke into show business after singing the Welsh National Anthem at rugby games. He debuted professionally with the B.B.C. in London, and soon became a favorite of radio listeners and television viewers, coming in second in the Eurovision Song Contest in 1961. His version of *Make Someone Happy* made the charts in Britain. He's also recorded several French hit records (he speaks fluent French), and has given Command Performances for Queen Elizabeth and Charles DeGaulle. He has appeared in nightclubs in places as diverse as Monte Carlo, Paris, Beirut, and Las Vegas. He's appeared on television in *Growing Pains*, *Young Riders*, *NewsRadio*, *Frazier*, and *The Liz Taylor Story*, and he's appeared in national stage productions of *Whose Life is it Anyway*, *Lies and Legends*, and *The Musical Stories of Harry Chapin*, and is no stranger to Broadway.

What he's doing now, however, is performing in "VIII," which he also wrote, along with composer Donald Carl Eugster. The one-man performance has Henry VIII taking issue with the image that history has assigned him as the great mad despot. Appearing alone on stage just moments after his death, Henry imagines this his "day of reckoning,"

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Tesoro Awarded Chief Charles Brown Award

On Saturday, May 9, 1998, the Sierra Madre Fire Department and the Sierra Madre Volunteer Firefighters Association hosted their annual Awards Night. This evening was the eleventh annual event for the Sierra Madre Fire Department, and the most significant highlight of the evening each year is the presentation of the Chief Charles Brown Firefighter of the Year Award. This award is presented by Chief Edward D. Tracy to a member of the Sierra Madre Fire Department who demonstrates overall outstanding contributions and participation levels to the Fire Department and the City of Sierra Madre in the areas of fire suppression, emergency medical services, training, duty coverage, and special projects.

This year's participant was Firefighter Sal Tesoro. In presenting the award to Firefighter Tesoro, Chief Tracy stated, "In my almost thirty years in the fire service, on both Coasts, I have never seen someone more participatory in all of the activities of a fire department. Firefighter Tesoro was totally unselfish in his dedication to contributing to the success of the department over the past year."

In addition to Firefighter Tesoro receiving a personalized plaque, his name was added to the Chief Charles Brown Firefighter of the Year plaque, which is proudly displayed in Fire Station #41. The previous recipients of this award have been Bill Messersmith, John Beveridge, Tony Lerner, Roger Lowe, Richard Snyder, Steve Bickel, Michael Bamberger, Steve Smith, Michael Delgatto, and Bob Spears.

Last Chance! To Enter Trail Race

By Phyllis Chapman

Runners, last chance!

The deadline to enter this year's Mt. Wilson Trail Race is Friday, May 15. The race is set for Saturday, May 23, with the starting gun going off at 7:30 a.m. sharp. It is open only to runners who have pre-registered. Only check-in from 6:30 to 7:15 a.m. takes place on race day.

You have the Sierra Madre News in hand, so you are in luck. Conveniently, this paper, which sponsors the race, contains the needed race application. There is still time to enter and if you have further questions call the Recreation Department, 355-5278.

Even as close as this deadline is, don't pass up the chance to be part of this super special Sierra Madre event.

Notice! Breakfast Postponed

The Sierra Madre Volunteer Firefighters' Association has had to postpone the French Toast Breakfast originally scheduled for the morning of Saturday, May 16th. This fund raising event will be rescheduled for the near future.

POLICE CALLS

May 7

5:13 p.m.: A resident in the 200 block of Ramona called to report that she had lent her friend her car two weeks ago, but it had not yet been returned.

May 8

8:59 a.m.: A business owner in Kersting Court reported that there was a man outside asking people how to get to Los Angeles. The responding officer reported that he was waiting for a bus.

8:59 p.m.: A domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of Camillo; a woman told officers that her husband had threatened her.

May 9

5:51 p.m.: Property was reported lost or stolen in the 100 block of N. Baldwin.

10:03 p.m.: A forced entry residential burglary was reported in the 100 block of S. Michillinda.

May 11

12:37 a.m.: A resident called 911 to report that in the 600 block of W. Sierra Madre Blvd., three shots were fired. The responding officer found nothing amiss in the area.

9:16 a.m.: A woman reported that a man was urinating outside of a laundromat in the 300 block of W. Sierra Madre Blvd, and walking in and out of the laundromat scaring people. The responding officer found no evidence of urination, but advised the man to leave the area, which he did.

May 12

12:27 a.m.: In the 00 block of E. Mira Monte, a 15 month old baby swallowed soap.

10:12 p.m.: A care fire was reported at Mountain Trail and Alegria. The fire had been extinguished by the time the responding officer arrived on the scene.

Letters to the Editor

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Chamber Thank-You

Dear Sierra Madre News,

With the annual Chamber of Commerce Volunteer Thank-You party ahead (May 21), I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers who supported the Chamber's events this past year. In particular, I want to offer my thanks to those who made this year's Wistaria event such a success.

Co-Chairs Ron Brandley and Pam Kelly deserve our sincere thanks and congratulations. There are so many details to take care of, and so many tasks! They did a fabulous job.

Thanks also to committee chairs **Diane Emerson, Joe Feeney, Gary Finnerty, Jim Harmon, Michelle Keith, Pat Krok, Moe Marshall, Shirley McGillicuddy, Bill McKernan, Cheryl Messenger, Dave Pedroza, Tom Pendlebury, Rick Simpson, Liz Stelow, Fran Syverson, and Marc Van Cleve.**

We will thank *all* of the many wonderful Chamber event volunteers at our special thank-you party on May 21, at 5:30 p.m. in the parish hall at Church of the Ascension, corner of Baldwin & Laurel. The volunteers and the community are all invited to this special recognition event. We owe you all so many thanks! Please join us.

Sincerely,

Ann Luke, President, Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce

From the Editor's Desk

By Dan Oakes

Were you one of the hundreds of people who stopped by The Bottle Shop for Saturday's ribbon cutting? Jim Galligan won the grill that was the main prize in the continual drawing that were held, but 19 others won prizes, too, and some 800 hot dogs and 500 cokes were served up a quarter apiece. Mainly, it was all about **welcoming Bill Sullivan**'s store back to the community, and Sierra Madre rose to the occasion with a solid, steady flow of well-wishers, including many officers and members from the Chamber of Commerce, as well as former Citizens of the Year.

Don't know what the rest of you did for Mother's Day, but as for me, I was at the opening of "Corn Junction," at the **Sierra Madre Playhouse**. **Archie Francis'** one-man show of singing, guitar playing, and recollecting entertained both *my* mother and *her* mother. Francis plays Sam Whitaker, a long-time resident of Corn Junction, who tells you the ins and outs of the small town. His performance, although Mother's Day attendance was small, was very well-received. He sings like Willie Nelson, and plays a mean guitar and washboard. The characters he creates are derived from the people he grew up around in his home state of Kansas. Specially noteworthy (from my family's perspective, anyway) was his rendition of "Uncle Ott's" version of *Danny Boy*, the song I was named after. While I don't remember it going quite the same way ("The pipes, the pipes are freezing...") it was still entertaining. Corn Junction will be playing this weekend and next weekend; call the Playhouse at 355-4318 for showtimes and tickets, and remember...Neil Simon's "Lost in Yonkers" is still playing, too.

Thought you might enjoy this one...from the Poetic Justice department. There were only about 15 of us watching **"Corn Junction,"** and when my mother, grandmother, and I arrived, there were only two others in the theater. We took our seats, and just before showtime, a group of about five, including a little kid, showed up. The little kid took a seat in the row directly in front of us, and sure enough, the whole family took their seats around him, and directly in front of us. Now me, I'm about 5'10", so it didn't bother me too much, but neither my mother nor grandmother is particularly tall, and the upshot is, we got up and found new seats. I understand that in a crowded theater, sometimes things happen, but the playhouse was EMPTY except for two other people, and they were sitting in the back row. Anyway, about five minutes into the show, a group of four came in, and with the theater still essentially empty, took seats directly in front of the group who took seats in front of us, which I found amusing as all heck. Apparently, the kid who originally liked that row in front of us, well, I don't think he could see so well for the rest of the first act, because after the intermission, he sat somewhere else. Maybe you had to be there, but I thought it was funny, and mom and grandma agreed.

I had a fax from Linda Thornton awaiting my arrival at the office on Monday morning. She wanted to let me know that indeed, last Thursday, the **"Tree Lawsuit"** was re-filed and served. Thornton said that she and husband and co-plaintiff Steve Broiles "anticipate a hearing on the merits before the end of June."

Actress **Elizabeth Shue was up at Alverno** High School this week for a filming project. Perhaps best known for her role as "Ally," Ralph Macchio's girlfriend in *The Karate Kid*, Shue was nominated for Best Actress for her role as Nicholas Cage's prostitute girlfriend in *Leaving Las Vegas*. Cage was given the Best Actor award, but Shue was beaten out by Susan Sarandon in *Dead Man Walking*. I only mention it because ironically, if they would have given ME a vote, I would have taken Shue over Sarandon, but Sarandon's co-star, Sean Penn, over Cage. Oh well; I'm used to publishing minority opinions.

Don't forget the **Art Fair**, and don't forget the soap-box race! The weather is just starting to come around semi-consistently, and the it always seems to be a nice day anyway, whenever something is going on around town. The next two weekends should be no exception.

What used to be Able Automotive reopened last week. They should be pumping gas any day now; in the meantime, the garage is open, and they did a bang-up job on my car last week. It's running like new, they knocked off a good amount on their labor charges, and they cleaned it up while they were at it. Stop by and say hello to **Gery and Edgar, Sierra Madre's newest additions to the business community**. They have owned another station in Glendale for four years, and they're nice guys who know their business.

Memory Lane

By Thomas Hutter

The Pinchy Affair

I have a brother named Jimmy. Jimmy is six years younger than I am. He was born about 1943 during my "hayday" in Sierra Madre, growing up and everything and being king of my world. Well, Jimmy was kind of little and frail and when he was a baby he had trouble drinking milk, because it turned kind of funny in his stomach and he would burp it up. And spit up. Ugh!

Doc Jacobs, our family doctor, gave Jimmy the once over and changed his diet. I think it was goat's milk or something like that. I remember I would get up sometimes at night and help Mom feed little Jimmy his new milk and Jimmy really liked it when I fed him. He kept his milk down and stuff like that. Mom taught me how to burp him and everything to do every few minutes to help him. It wasn't too long until Jimmy was over his eating crisis.

Jimmy kind of grew up with me and my older brother John. He was always tagging around after us, wanting to know what we were doing and wanting to play with us. Well, John and me didn't want any of that because me and John were so much older than Jimmy that we were sure he was cramping our style.

I guess that sounds mean to a lot of folks, it sounds mean to me right now, but when you are eight or ten years old that's just the way you feel. Me and John didn't have maturity enough to know that Jimmy really loved us and wanted so much to be a daily part of our lives. Once in a while Mom or Dad would get on our case and insist that Jimmy was to participate in a few of our activities. I remember now that Jimmy was really happy when he could do the stuff that me and John were doing.

Now, me and brother John shared one bedroom and Jimmy had his own room because he was so little and all. Mom always sent John and me to bed at 8:30 sharp. We had to go to school and we needed our rest. But Mom would let us have our radio on for a little while after we went to bed, so we didn't mind at all having to go early.

There's a reason for that. At 8:30 our favorite radio program came on. It was called "Inner Sanctum" and it was good and scary. Me and Brother John sure didn't want to miss that. If Jimmy was up for some reason at that time, he would beg Mom to let him come into our bedroom and listen to the radio with us. Most of the time Mom would say, "O.K., for a little while." John and me never minded having Jimmy come into our bedroom at night because when Jimmy came in and jumped on my bed he was always ready for "Inner Sanctum."

Now Jimmy was a scardy cat. He just loved to get scared, I guess he did, because he always came back for more. Jimmy would crawl up on the bed and scrunch up with my pillow and John would turn on the radio and turn the lights out.

Here it came! The sound of the squeaking door opening and the announcer saying "Only the Shadow knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men." And then that little, cruel laugh. That was pretty scary, me and brother John thought it was pretty scary. And that was generally enough to scare Jimmy real good, he would hide his head under the pillow for a few minutes. Then he would peek out to see if the coast was clear. If everything was o.k. Jimmy would start to listen again to "Inner Sanctum."

I don't think the game ever bothered Jimmy for long, or too much because whenever he was up when me and Brother John went to bed, he always begged Mom to let him join us, and most of the time he got to come "listen" with us.

One evening, Dad came home a little early and he was carrying a big round thing wrapped in paper, and did he have a pleased look on his face! Mom and the three of us boys met Dad at the door and the first thing Dad did was to take the paper off of his prize and show it to everybody. It was a huge wall plaque, all painted gold, and had lots of designs in it. Dad said it was a fine copy of a plaque made by Leonardo da Vinci. Mom said it was very beautiful and you could tell that she was happy about having it. Me and brother John like it too, but Jimmy just backed up when he saw it. There was something about it that scared little Jimmy.

Mom asked Dad where he would like to put it and Dad pointed to a wall at the end of the living room that seemed to be kind of blank--so that is where it went, up on the wall adjacent to the interior kitchen door. It really looked good there, and was sure pretty to look at. Jimmy didn't feel that way though. That big, old, gold thing scared him and whenever Jimmy went into the kitchen from the living room, he gave that plaque a wide berth and crept slowly through the kitchen door.

After a while, Jimmy got kind of used to having the Da Vinci plaque where it was and soon everything was back to normal and Jimmy almost forgot about the plague--until one day. It was a Saturday and every one was home. Jimmy was in the living room doing stuff with his coloring book and John and me were sitting on the couch figuring what to do next. All was quiet and peaceful. Jimmy said he wanted a glass of milk so off he headed to the kitchen. As soon as he got to the kitchen door, that big, old gold plaque fell off the wall and hit the floor with a "Boom!"

Well, Jimmy almost freaked out. He yelled at the top of his lungs, "Pinchy's going to get me!" He took off like a lightening bolt across the living room and up the stairs to find Mom. Dad came in from outside and wanted to know what the ruckus was, and John and me showed Dad "Pinchy" lying on the living room floor.

Jimmy had named the plaque "Pinchy" so that is what we call the plaque to this day. Dad quietly picked up "Pinchy" and put him way in the back of the closet under the stairs. Then Dad went upstairs to see how Jimmy was and get him settled down some. Mom said Jimmy was o.k. now and Dad took Jimmy back downstairs to show him the blank wall. Dad told Jimmy that he had gotten rid of "Pinchy" and not to be afraid. It wasn't long until Jimmy was back to normal and everything was hunky-dory. In fact we all forgot about "Pinchy."

Months later Mom asked Brother John to clean out the closet under the stairs and John crawled in and proceeded to make everything nice and neat and throw some old stuff out. I helped too, and it was as kind of fun going through some of the old junk that was supposed to go in the trash.

John and me took a break and went to the kitchen to make a sandwich and just as John and me sat down to eat, A big holler came out from the living room. Me and John jumped up to see what had happened. Just as we got to the living room, Jimmy came flying out of the closet holding his head. He had knocked "Pinchy" over and "Pinchy" had fallen on Jimmy's head.

Poor Jimmy was scared to death. He yelled, "Pinchy got me, Pinchy got me!" Over and over. Mom and Dad came running in to see what the commotion was about and Dad and Mom tried to comfort poor little Jimmy.

Just then Brother John had an idea. He asked me to come into the kitchen with him for a minute. So off we went to the kitchen and John got a butter knife out of the drawer and handed me a small jar of strawberry jam, then told me his plan.

We both went back into the living room. Brother John showed Jimmy the butter knife and told Jimmy that he was going into the closet and kill "Pinchy." That seemed to make Jimmy feel better. John crawled into the closet and I crawled in there too, right in back of John with the jar of jam in my hand. Once inside, I handed John the jam and he put a good size portion on the edge of the little knife. Then John yelled, "O.K. "Pinchy" take that, and that, and that!"

I came out of the closet first, hiding the jam and John followed me with this "Bloody" knife. He said, "Look, Jimmy "Pinchy's all gone." I guess Jimmy believed Brother John but Jimmy never went back in that closet again. . .

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Safe Southland Neighborhoods

Cities With The Fewest Overall Crimes

City	Pop.	Total	FBI Rate*
Rolling Hills	1847	17	920.4
La Habra Heights	6838	79	1155.3
Sierra Madre	11654	140	1201.3
Palos Verdes Estates	14142	188	1329.4
Bradbury	880	13	1477.3
Rancho Palos Verdes	44456	751	1689.3
San Marino	13700	247	1802.9
La Canada-Flintridge	20115	402	1998.5
Temple City	34214	819	2393.8
Baldwin Park	73797	1848	2504.2
Calabasas	19150	494	2579.6
Bell	36194	937	2588.8
Santa Clarita	125435	3255	2595
Agoura Hills	25724	670	2604.6
West Lake Village	8737	231	2643.9
Glendora	52695	1409	2673.9
La Mirada	47001	1273	2708.5
Walnut	32804	889	2710
Hidden Hills	1902	53	2786.5
Diamond Bar	59663	1720	2882.9
Maywood	27737	804	2898.7
South Pasadena	25192	731	2901.7

Community Turns Out to Honor Isabella Paegel

By Dan Oakes

Last Thursday, Sierra Madre got the jump on Los Angeles, by honoring our Older American of the Year, Isabella Paegel. This year marks the 33rd year for recognition of the contributions to society made by older Americans. Attending a reception on May 20th, 1998, in the Grand Hall at the Dorothy Chandler Music Center will be outstanding persons, including Isabella, from 88 cities in Los Angeles County.

Showing up for Thursday's festivities were all current Sierra Madre City Council members, as well as various former Council members and Citizens of the Year. "It was beautiful, wasn't it?" asked Isabella. "I never expected a turnout like that."

Mayor Doug Hayes called Isabella, "One of those special volunteers that always seem to turn up in Sierra Madre."

The designation of May as Older American Month was made by the President of the United States, the Governor of California, and the L.A. County Board of Supervisors. This year's theme for the month-long celebration is "Living Longer, Growing Stronger."

Also recognized at the reception were nominees Martha Van De Verg, President Emeritus of the Sierra Madre Woman's Club, and former Mayor Roy Buchan. Dorothy White, First Vice President of the Senior Club, accepted a presentation on behalf of President Loyal Camacho from Joylouise from the City, officially proclaiming May 7 as Older American Recognition Day. "This is for all older Americans, not just seniors, to recognize the contributions of older Americans," said Harte'-Smith. "We put a man on the moon, we were the only nation that could fight and win a war on two fronts. The list of contributions in America's history is immeasurable, and it's those of us now in our 60's, 70's, and beyond who have accomplished those things."



Joylouise Harte'-Smith, Chairperson of the Commission on the Aging, inc. (l), and Isabella Paegel (r) join Mayor Doug Hayes at the celebration last week honoring Paegel as Sierra Madre's Older American of the Year.

Speaking of Isabella's contributions, Joylouise said, "She's been extremely active in the Garden Club, with the Rose Float Association, and anywhere she is asked. She is a perfect representative of our community in her generous spirit."

Isabella was originally from Mexico City, Mexico. She has also lived in San Francisco, and travelled all over the world. "I absolutely love to travel. Travel and books are my two loves." Since 1952, however, she has called Sierra Madre home. "No matter where we go, when I get back and we see the mountains, I say, 'Oh, here we are - home!'" says Isabella. She was one of the original volunteers serving meals at the Senior Center, and she also volunteers her time at the Sierra Madre Librare. "I love it," she says. "I just love Sierra Madre."

Isabella also promised, "I'm always ready to contribute any way I can for the welfare of my beautiful City."

Thrift Shop Clothing Sale

By Phyllis Chapman

The Wistaria Thrift Shop, operated by Sierra Madre Woman's Club, will hold a half-price sale on all shop clothing, with the sale to run from May 18 through May 29. The shop is located at the rear of their clubhouse, 550 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., off the parking lot.

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Willis Estate Subdivision Proposal Brings Visions, Concerns

By Dan Oakes

The Willis Estate, on Carter at the top of Baldwin, is a big, big, big place. 102.77 acres, to be exact. Ted Willis, executor for the estate, has proposed a 29-lot subdivision on the southerly portion of a 63-acre project site, commonly known as 1 W. Carter Avenue. The proposal would provide 25 residential lots, three open space lots, and one roadway lot, although to a large extent, pans are preliminary. "There's still an awful lot of work to be done," said Willis.

A scoping meeting last Thursday was held for the purpose of receiving input from residents, which Development Services Director Brian Lee will incorporate with his study of the project at a staff level. Obviously, proposing to add over 20 homes to the top of Baldwin Ave. brings along with it a variety of concerns, from traffic to environmental. Those concerns will be addressed through an Environmental Impact Report (E.I.R.), which Lee tentatively estimates will take roughly six months. "The residents' comments and our findings will result in a draft E.I.R., which will be available for public review," said Lee.

One of the requirements of the proposal would be an amendment to the General Plan, which is not unusual on large projects, according to Lee and Councilmembers Glenn Lambdin and Kris Miller Fisher, just off of the Planning Commission. The amendment would be necessary because the land is currently zoned according to two different classifications, R-1 Residential and Hillside. The upshot of that split-zone, according to Willis, is that the entire project will be handled in accordance with the Hillside Zone, which is more restrictive.

Councilmembers didn't have a lot to say on the project, primarily because it's at a very preliminary stage. "It will be a very long process," said Councilmember Kris Miller Fisher. "It's just the beginning. There's not much to say until the E.I.R. process is completed. I'm looking forward to seeing the E.I.R....I expect it to be a pretty thick document."

Mayor Doug Hayes concurred, saying, "This is way too early to see how it's going to go. It's eight months from being in front of the Planning Commission, let alone the City Council."

40 acres of the Willis property is currently in escrow, en route to being part of the Sierra Madre Mountain Conservancy, and the three open space lots, totalling approximately another 40 acres, and planned to go to the Conservancy, also.

Although the property is being offered at $4,395,000 with no contingency, a more realistic expectation is that a prospective buyer will want to have approved tract maps and plans. Since Willis is familiar with the Hillside Ordinance, having worked to draft it, he felt that he would be better equipped to handle the development in a manner consistent with that ordinance. The net result of that decision, however, is that the E.I.R.'s, plans, sketches, and every other expense involved in planning and realizing the project are coming out of his pocket. "Currently, I suppose it's speculative," said Willis, "There's some risk, but on a rational basis, I can't believe that something can't be done with the property."

If things go according to Willis' plans, the lots will become a gated community, an idea which doesn't necessarily sit well with some members of town. "I think some people would be adverse to a gated community. They might see it as elitist, or in accessible," said one resident. Willis, however, notes that currently, the property is essentially a gated community; the difference being that fewer people live behind the gates. Furthermore, adds Willis, "From anywhere in the City, you won't be able to see it," notes Willis.

Other concerns have been expressed, including traffic congestion, pollution, and the change to a property that has some historical significance, having belonged to the Carter family. As one resident said, "You just can't put that many people into one area like that and not think there will be an impact." On the other hand, one Councilmember had stated, "It's his property. If he follows the rules, we can't and shouldn't prohibit him from developing it."

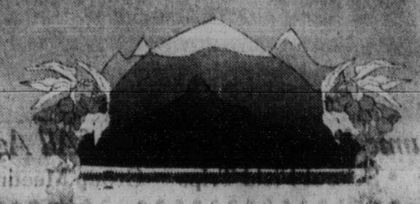
Ted's parents bought the property in 1939 from the Carters, restored the barn, and built their home. When his mother died in 1995, Ted was advised that the home needed too much repair to make a suitable rental, so instead, he rented out his condo and moved to the property, which he has been attempting to sell for two years. He and his wife Agnes intend to settle in Sierra Madre following the sale of the estate.

The concerns of traffic congestion, pollution, geology, and hydrology will be up to City Staff and the Willis' consultants to deal with, during the E.I.R. process. "It's going to be a challenging project," said Brian Lee.

"The Hillside Ordinance doesn't say you can't develop your property," Willis points out. "It just lays out guidelines that must be followed for development."

George Maurer, of the Sierra Madre Mountain Conservancy, states that while still in its preliminary stages, "It's basically a good proposal. I like the way the residential lots are compacted into a small space, giving more open space. We will know more as it progresses, but I think it will work out well."

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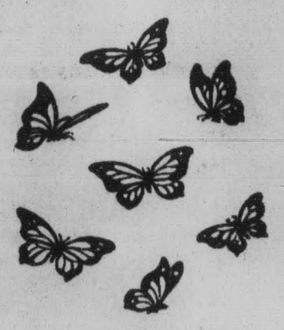
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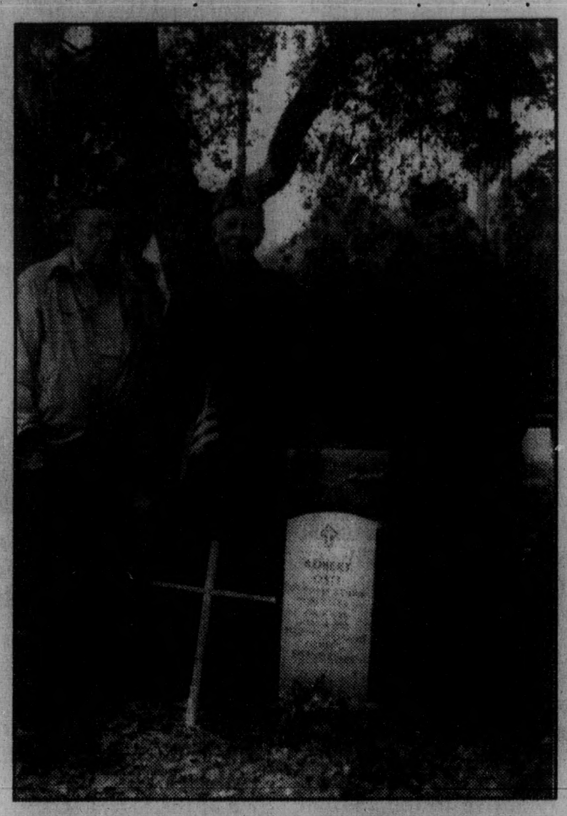
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Following the service, the V.F.W. cordially invites everyone to a luncheon hosted by the members at their post on Montecito.



Adjutant B. George Jetter (l) and VFW Post Advocate Jack R. Wolfe (r) flank Commander Jack Grotewiel as he places a flag at the Sierra Madre Cemetery in preparation for Memorial Day observances.

The Call is Out for Volunteers

On Saturday, May 23, 1998, the board members of the cemetery gladly welcome any and all persons to join them in a brief clean-up time at the Sierra Madre Pioneer Cemetery. We will gather, following the conclusion of the Mt. Wilson Trail Race, at 10:00 a.m., at the cemetery. Please bring your work gloves, rake, shovel, or pruning shears, and join us for a quick two-hour spruce-up of the grounds, in preparation for the Memorial Day observance. Board member Fred Van Wickle will be in charge of work detail. There's a wonderful feeling that permeates the air when you gather with caring volunteers in an effort to beautify the cemetery grounds. So, please appear, rake in hand, remembering that we, who serve on the cemetery board are, like yourselves, volunteers who will be delighted to greet you!

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Tree Ordiance

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go away." Beirich stated that the big picture was not about property rights, but about land development. which may bring more property tax revenue to the City, but also may cause detriments. "Overall, it (proposed Ordinance 1157) is good," Beirich said, but he also noted that there needed to be more teeth in it from an enforcement perspective.

Linda Thornton quoted the minutes of Council meetings last fall in which Ordinance 1103 was called "inadequate" and "inefficient," and said dryly, "It's amazing what a little time will do to your viewpoint." She noted a big difference between Ordinances 1103 and 1157; 1157 does not specifically call for the creation of a Tree Commission, although it is referred to in the definitions section of the proposed ordinance. She urged the Council not to give up the idea of improving upon 1103, and also not to rush the creation of a permanent ordinance.

Tim Osti came to the podium to "strongly disagree" with the statement that the community's greatest wealth is its trees. "The greatest wealth is the people who live here," said Osti. He also questioned whether there was really any benefit to being a Tree City USA.

Lew Watanabe made one of the few statements that probably EVERYBODY involved in the discussion would agree with: "Nothing will satisfy everybody," said Watanabe.

Councilmember Rob Stockly stated that the Council needed to act deliberately. "It will behoove us if we could do this the first time around," said Stockly. He suggested that the proposed ordinance be reworked, and incorporate the ideas of education as a primary goal, looking at beefing up the requirements for a tree survey, naming the Englemann Oak as the official City Tree, creating an advisory board, not a commission, and offering a financial incentive to property owners to volunteer their trees as landmark trees.

Councilmember Kris Miller Fisher encouraged the Council to look at Marsha Blackwelder's proposal. She stated that she believed the discussion was "helpful and well-done," and agreed with Stockly that the process should be done correctly the first time. She was opposed to expediting the process, saying, "I'd rather keep talking about it until people are too bored to come down here."

Councilmember Glenn Lambdin said, "It's getting close." He suggested a time frame that would include permits for trees pulled 12 months prior to development, because under Ordinance 1103, property owners could remove threes, then after they were out, apply for building permits.

Mayor Hayes expressed a desire for greater enforcability, and stated that he didn't have a problem with a Tree Commission, as opposed to an advisory committee. He asked that staff clean up the language that would make it clear that a commission was being established.

The Council unanimously voted (with the exception of Mayor Pro Tem Bart Doyle, who was absent) that staff bring back a more comprehensive framework for an ordinance, with various options taking into account comments heard at the Council meeting. The items will be voted on page by page, item by item at a future Council meeting, rather than 'Yes' or 'No' to an entire ordinance.

In conjunction with the continued effort to formulate a permanent ordinance, the Council unanimously voted to extend Urgency Ordinance 1146U.

SMFD CALLS

The Sierra Madre Fire Dept. responded to 22 calls from Monday, May 4, 1998, through Sunday, May 10, 1998.

Mon., May 4, 1998

11:17 a.m.- Medical Call, 100 blk E. Montecito Ave., patient transported to St. Luke Hosp.

5:22 p.m.- Medical Call, 400 blk Santa Anita Ct., patient transported to Arcadia Meth. Hosp.

6:27 p.m.- Fire Call, 200 blk W. Laurel Ave., false alarm.

9:00 p.m.- Fire Call, 200 blk Windwood Ln., false alarm activation.

Tues., May 5, 1998

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7:17 a.m.- Fire Call, 200 blk Windwood Ln., false alarm activation.

1:34 p.m.- Fire Call, 400 blk W. Sierra Madre Bl., smoke scare.

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1:50 a.m.- Fire Call, 100 blk N. Michillinda Ave., downed tree branch.

12:17 p.m.- Fire Call, 100 blk W. Laurel Ave., false alarm activation.

2:27 p.m.- Medical Call, 100 blk E. Highland Ave., patient transported by private vehicle.

6:31 p.m.- Medical Call, 300 blk E. Laurel Ave., patient transported to St. Luke Hosp.

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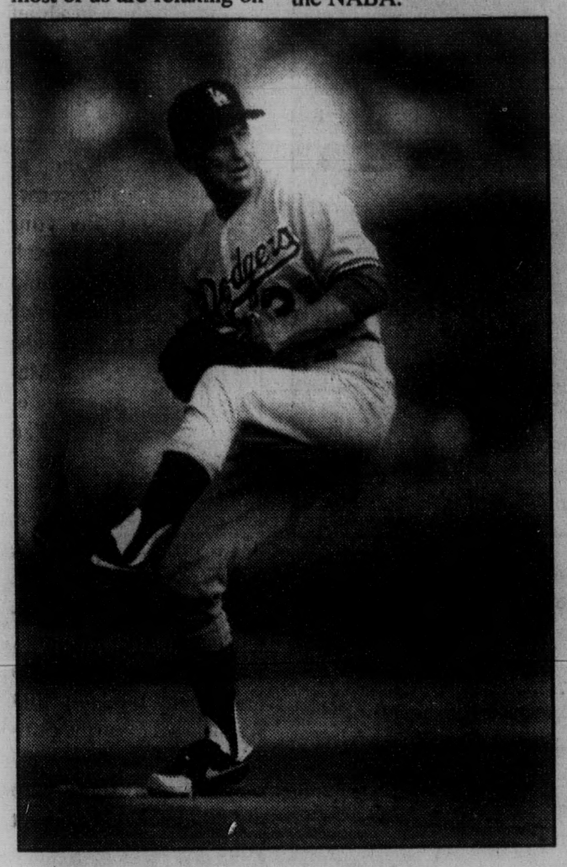
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Ed Frank: Sierra Madre's Satchel Paige!?

By Dan Oakes

Leroy "Satchel" Paige was renowned as a major league baseball player for continuing to pitch effectively into the years when most of us are relaxing on the back porch counting fireflies. It sort of reminds a person of Sierra Madre's Ed Frank, who pitches for the Pasadena Mariners in the National Adult Baseball Association (NABA). Frank, at age 64, not only went to the Los Angeles Dodgers Adult Baseball Camp in February...he won the Cy Young award! "They should have named it the Cy Old Award," Ed joked.



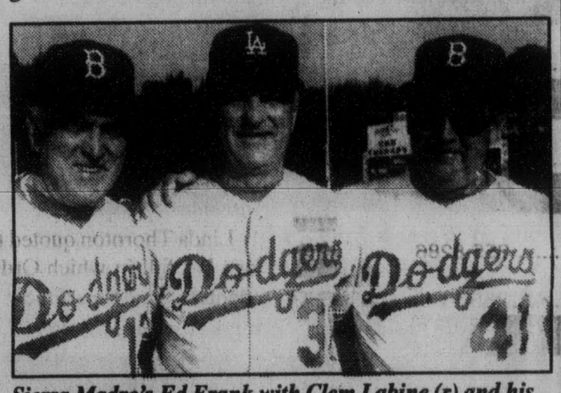
Sierra Madre's Ed Frank on the mound.

It's obvious that Ed was a talented baseball player as a youngster, but let's face it, in the 1990's, he assumed that those days were behind him. Over thirty years behind him, in fact. Working out at Sierra Health and Fitness, however, Ed was told by his trainer, Rudy, "Ed, you should have a goal." Ed decided that his goal would be to get into shape to once again play baseball, and in 1996, he joined the NABA.

Now, you can turn on the television set, and watch seniors golf, or seniors bowling, or other senior vs. senior competition, but that's not the NABA. The age range on the NABA is 18-65, and Ed regularly blows his fastball past hitters 20, 30, or 40+ years his junior. The oldest player in the San Gabriel Valley League of the NABA before Ed joined was also on the Mariners, and currently, Ed is the league's elder statesman.

It was while watching last year's world series that Ed saw a brief advertisement for the Dodgers' fantasy baseball camp, and he thought to himself, "Why not?" The camp came with a $4,000 price tag, not including air fare to get to Florida, but the price included meals and lodging, and instruction and camaraderie with a "Who's Who in Dodger Baseball." For Ed, who grew up back east as a Brooklyn Dodger fan, it was a natural.

Ed met, learned from, and played against Dodger greats such as Davey Lopes, Dodger manager Bill Russell, Ron Cey, Rick Monday, Steve Garvey, Ralph Branca, Duke Snider, and his real hero...Carl Erskine. "It was absolutely incredible. I was surrounded by guys I used to go watch at Ebbets Field in Brooklyn," says Ed. The 1998 version of the camp drew 118 players, more than ever before, and the players were divided into eight teams. Ed's team was managed by former Dodger second baseman Davey Lopes, and in addition to Ed's winning the Cy Young Award, his team came away with a 6-1 record and the Camp Championship. In one game, each of the camp teams gets to play two innings against former and minor league Dodgers; Ed got to take the mound against Lopes, Cey, Russell, Garvey, and Monday.



Sierra Madre's Ed Frank with Clem Labine (r) and his hero, Carl Erskine (l).

The Pasadena Mariners are 2-3-1 this year, with El Nino having rained out a few games. They play without a set rotation on the mound, pitching by committee, but Ed gets his licks in, surviving on a hard fastball, a "pretty good" curve, and the savvy to mix up his speeds to keep opposing hitters off balance. Ed was 2-2 last year.

When he's not on the mound at Pasadena High School, Ed works as a defense electronics engineer. He also "fancies himself as a jazz singer," and has made appearances at a few clubs in his former residence of Nothern California, as well as once at Lozano's in Sierra Madre.

After over 30 years, pitching came back to Ed "surprisingly quickly," probably because he waited until he was in good physical shape before attempting it. Following one baseball game, he was told by a player on another team that he was that player's inspiration. "He was watching a game I pitched, and said, 'Well, if he can do it, I can do it'," Ed says with a laugh. "It was kind of nice to be an inspiration to him. That was cool," Ed adds.

He will probably retire from work this year, and he says that baseball and singing will be high on his list of things to do. He may also look into teaching, preferably mathematics. Ed is still a Dodgers fan; on their pitching staff, he particularly likes Chan Ho Park. He is also a fan of Mike Mussina and Greg Maddux. When he went to the camp, he told himself that it was a once in a life-time opportunity; now, however...well, there will be another one coming up next February.

Sierra Madre Prays for Community and Nation

Reports from across the nation indicate God is indeed moving on behalf of his praying people. And praying is exactly what nearly 1.5 million Americans did last week, as they gathered for the 47th annual National Day of Prayer (NDP).

On May 7, nearly 125 Christians from Sierra Madre churches laid aside political and denominational differences to pray. Sierra Madre Congregational Church (SMCC) helped sponsor these local prayer celebrations.

Event co-coordinator Pastor Ken Walker has learned many things through his six years of working on the SMCC prayer celebrations. "Christians must first set aside our agenda and be responsive to God," said Pastor Ken Walker. "God said if we humble ourselves and pray, He promises to hear us, forgive our sins, and heal our land."

Some 50 men, women, and children laid aside their busy schedules and gathered under the Sierra Madre city hall's Wistaria vine arbor at noon. Here, Pastor Richard Anderson of SMCC and Pastor Richard LaShure of Sierra Madre United Methodist Church led the group in prayer and singing. Ken Walker reminded the crowd of President George Washington's words, "Our duty as a people is to acknowledge our many and great obligations to Almighty God, and implore Him to continue and confirm the blessings we experienced." This fit this year's NDP theme: "America: Return to God."

Others simply prayed as their schedules permitted. SMCC opened their sanctuary doors at 6:00 a.m. for hourly prayer. Beginning around 5:00 p.m., over 75 worshippers flocked into SMCC. They linked up with an estimated 200,000 other Christians, for the world's largest prayer meeting. Satellites broadcast the service from a Dallas megachurch, where Christian contemporary artists Twila Paris, and Carmen and Francisco Ortega helped lead worship. Some 50 Christian leaders had assembled there, and at sites in Washington, D.C. and California, linked by satellite. Dr. James and Shirley Dobson from Focus on the Family, Bill Bright from Campus Crusade for Christ, Pastor Tony Evans, Pastor Jack Hayford, Pastor Ed Silvoso, noted Bible-teacher Henry Blackaby and the others called upon God to work within our society, our laws, and our hearts that America will again know the healing of God's power upon our land.

Since President Ronald Reagan amended a law in 1988 causing the National Day of Prayer to be observed on the first Thursday of May each year, the day has grown dramatically. "God is working incredibly in the hearts and lives of people as a result of people coming together in prayer," said Shirley Dobson, completing her sixth year as chairman of the National Day of Prayer Task Force. "If God did all this in just one day, just imagine what He will do if we would commit ourselves to pray regularly on behalf of our communities and nation."

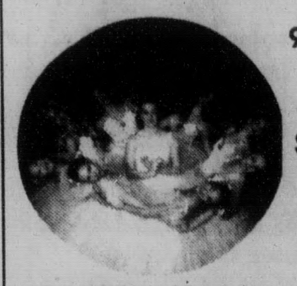


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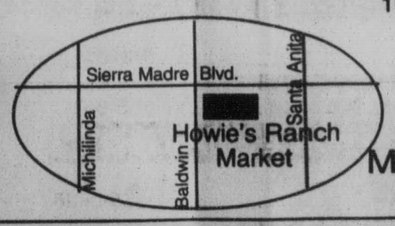


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On Stage



By Mary Cogswell-Baum

"Phantom" Returns to San Gabriel

He's baaak! That durable figure of mystery, the Phantom of the Opera is on stage at the Music Theater of Southern California in San Gabriel in a revival of the popular production of five years ago. This is Kopet and Yeston's "Phantom" (which is said to have inspired Andrew Lloyd Webber) and it follows more closely the original Gaston Leroux story. All the characters are more three dimensional, and what is lost in melodramatic orchestration is gained in intelligible plot and variety of melody.

This is the story of Eric, a young man born horribly disfigured, who has created a world of his own where he can constantly hear the music he loves, his only real pleasure. Denied normal social contact, he dreams of an ideal woman who will see the man behind the mask of flesh and love him. His isolation brings him to react viciously when his dream world is threatened. When a young street singer is encouraged to apply to the Paris Opera, Eric takes it on himself to train her voice for stardom. And thereby hangs the reasonably familiar and, in this case, touching,tale.

Sean Smith, who sang the role of the Phantom in the previous production is back and makes a truly remarkable Eric, not a fantasy monster but a real and sympathetic person. He has a wonderful speaking and singing voice. His protege, Christine Daee, is played by Julie Wittner, a charming actress and singer who stepped into the role with only four rehearsals, when the previous actress made other commitments, and received a standing ovation at the curtain call.

An excellent cast fills out the story, many of them with experience in previous productions of "Phantom", and the technical staff has provided special effects a plenty to add excitement. Bill Shaw, director, and M.Roger Lockie, musical director, have another fine show to add to their long list.

Performances are at 8: on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and at 2: on Saturday and Sunday through May 17 at the San Gabriel Civic Auditorium, 3320 Mission Dr. in San Gabriel. Call (626)308-2868 for tickets.

AND in a new venture, this production will be transferred to the Alex Theatre in Glendale for its final five performances, May 22 through May 24. The Box office there is (800) 233-3123.



Contemplating the new "tour" to the Alex Theater in Glendale are (L to R) Choreographer Rikki Lugo, Director Bill Shaw, Ann Rittenhouse, former music supervisor for the Pasadena City Schools, Music Theater actress, and representative of the very active Friends of the Music Theater, and M.Roger Lockie, musical director, the team responsible for the Southern California Music Theater's many years of success.

Renaissance Man

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and the audience his judge. Accompanied by a score of over a dozen original songs lushly orchestrated by Bob Summers, he chronicles his life and times and, most importantly, his loves. From his 24 year marriage to former sister in law Catherine of Aragon, to the sexual perversions of the Boleyn sisters and Katherine Howard, to his one great love, Jane Seymour, who died giving birth to Prince Edward, his only legitimate male heir.

VIII received rave reviews the first time it was performed. Comments included "...shouldn't be missed...Arlen and Eugster's triumphant writing plus Arlen's performance equal Hit..Hit..Hit!" and "a beautiful, gentle, warm voice one wishes would sing you to sleep every night...very moving...mesmerizes the audience...brings the piece to such life that the audience is lost in the emotion...Do not miss this!"

OK, so what the heck is he doing here in Sierra Madre? Well, aside from the fact that many noteworthy artists of various genres reside in Sierra Madre, there is a more simple explanation: Love. Like any self-respecting renaissance man, Arlen is subject to passion and romance, and in his case, they centered around Wanda Lee, the woman who rearranged his living arrangements... by about 3,000 miles. As Steeve puts it simply, "I was living in Sherman Oaks, and intending to go back to New York, but then I met Wanda and decided I'd hang around." Steeve and Wanda are both members of Optimist International, which is how they met; Wanda is the President of the North Hollywood club. Steeve is a member of three different clubs, and he and Wanda started Sierra Madre's club, which meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:00 p.m., and the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the monte at 8:00 a.m., at the Peppertree Grill in Sierra Madre, at 31 N. Baldwin. The President is Maggie Leigh.

Aside from Wanda and the theater, Optimist International is what Steeve devotes his time to. Optimist International is dedicated to serving youth, and in Sierra Madre in particular, that is manifesting itself in an all out effort to get Sierra Madre's teen center up and running. "We're pushing like crazy. We can get it done," says Steeve.

And yes...Henry VIII will wed again. OK, so costume, but he and Wanda report that when the show closes in Southern California (in about two months) and moves to New York, they will wed. In fact, the desire to marry Wanda essentially led to the show's resurrection. "I had sort of retired, but I realized that I had to work if I wanted to marry Wanda, so I took *VIII* out of the closet and dusted it and polished it off," Steeve says.

VIII is playing at the "Acting For Life" Theater, 3435 Magnolia Blvd., Burbank. Shows are Friday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m., and Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are $25, and may be purchased at the door, or by calling Showtixx at (818) 789-8499.

To See- Or Not To See

By Karol Ballard

DEEP IMPACT

Tea'Leoni, Robert Duvall, Vanessa Redgrave, Elijah Wood, Morgan Freeman, Maximilian Schell

NOT!! BAAAAAD MOVIE, BAD!!

When a meteor is discovered on a crash course with Earth, everybody gets maudlin, including a few good astronauts who try to stop it. What I'm about to tell you mustn't leave this room, because it is illegal, it is stealing. But, hey, I've got a rationalization to go with it. What ya do is, go see another movie, then sneak in and catch the last half-hour, or so, of this one. The wave created by the DEEP IMPACT is quite awe-inspiring, but not worth sitting through the excrutiatingly tedious cast of characters and trite dialogue that makes the "Titanic" script look genius. Somebody tell me if I'm wrong, but this film has all the earmarks of the work of a Committee of Suits, no artistic vision, save that of the special effects crew and Duvall, allowed. Oh, the rationalization: no film of this low caliber should make the kind of money that would inspire studios to make more of the same. It does not merit the parting of your hard-earned 7 or 8 dollars, plus snacks. Please help stop the insanity!!!

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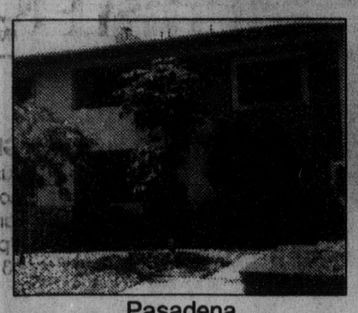
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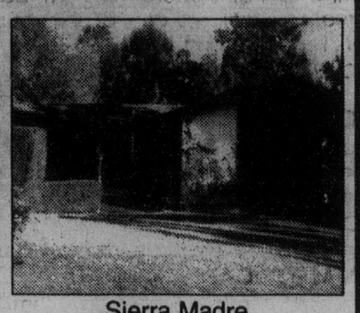
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Members of Dilbeck Realtors Better Homes & Gardens' prestigious President's Council gathered with the firm's president, Mike Silvas, and members of the Dilbeck's management team for a lunch at Spencers in Old Pasadena. Pictured here are, from left, Susan Lindsey, manager of Arcadia office, agents Joan O'Rourke (Arcadia office), Linda O'Neal (San Marino office), and Carole Kunz, sales manager of the firm's La Canada office. The President's Council meets with the real estate firm's management team periodically to help develop better ways to service Dilbeck's market areas. "The 1998 President's Council is stronger than ever," said Silvas, "Their support, dedication, and suggestions are making this company substantially stronger."

Century 21 Village Sales Up in April

Mike Lepore, manager of Century 21 Village Realty, was smiling as he announced the top three selling agents for the month of April. The announcement was made at the weekly sales meeting. Total sales for the Sierra Madre office exceeded four million dollars. The sales leader for the month was Edda Hutson with four sales, tied for second place were Emily Duggan and Daniel Kostiuk with two sales each. There was also a tie for third place between Jackie Adaimy and Mary Vartanian. Lepore gave special mention to Peggy Beauregard and Janet Petit with one sale each.

Lepore was smiling not only for the large sales month, an increase of 25% over last April, but also because April also produced the best listing month in his recent memory. He told the agents that listings were up by over 40% over the same period as last year.

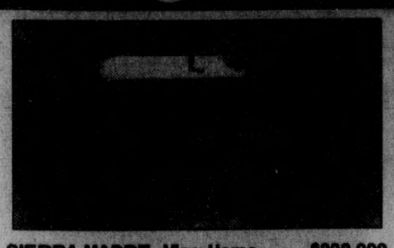
As the sales meeting continued, Lepore maintained his prediction that the number of homes going on the market will continue to grow as we come into the summer months. He also warned that the number of qualified buyers will also grown and outnumber the available listings. He said simply, "Buyer demand will exceed the supply of homes." He said that this trend is due to low interest rates and low unemployment. He sees the current "seller's market" continuing through the year and listing days on the market dropping substantially.

He thanked all of the agents for their hard work and dedication to their clients. He praised them for their strong marketing efforts, and once again promised complete support from the office in regards to its aggressive advertising campaign. As usual, all Village agents can be reached at (626) 355-1451, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

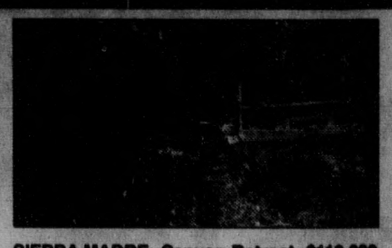


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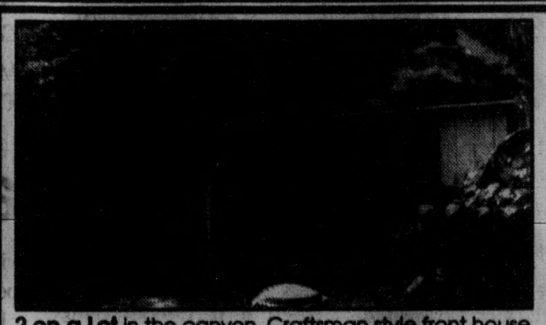
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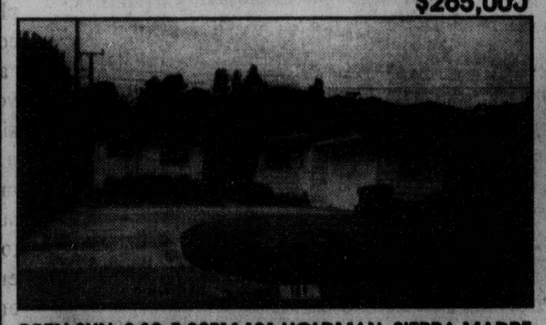
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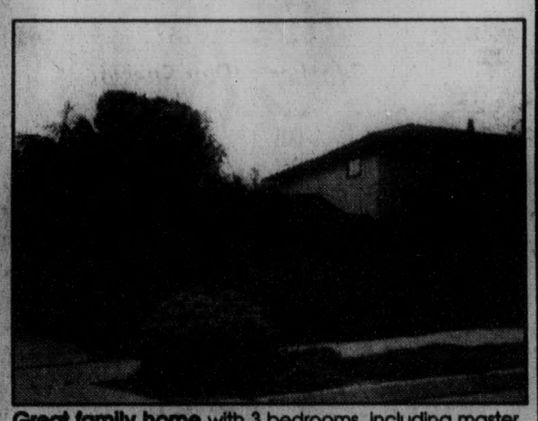


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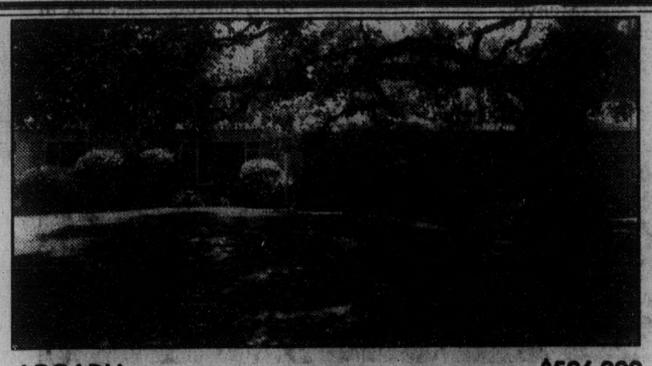


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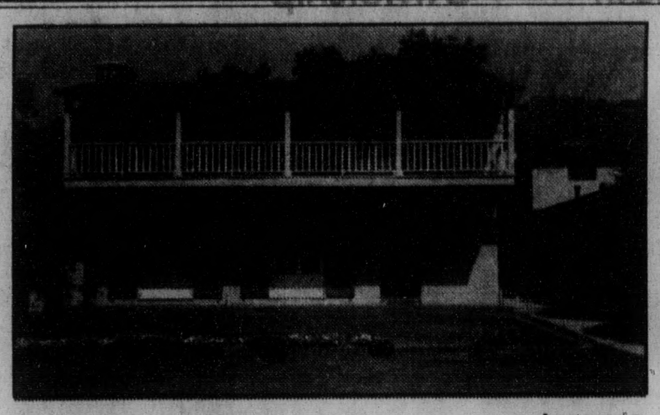
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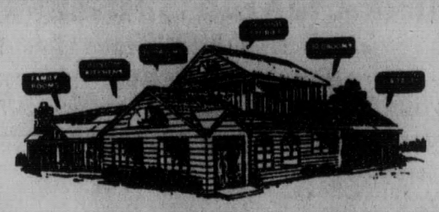
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Global Connection, Inc.
305 Joyce Avenue, Arcadia, CA 91006
Global Forwarding, Inc.
305 Joyce Avenue, Arcadia, CA 91006
This Business is conducted by: A Corporation
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on: Dec. '96.
SIGN:
Global Forwarding, Inc.
Suin Forand, President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on May 13, 1998.
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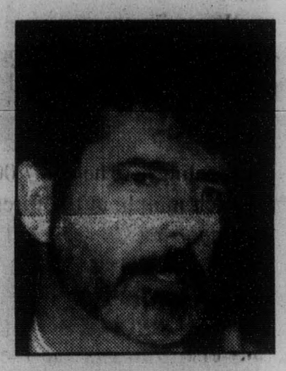
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THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS:
The Pure Air Company
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John Anderson Hoffman
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Tracy David Hoffman
312-B West Californ.a Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91105
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS:
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3860 Skycrest Drive, Pasadena, CA 91107-1332
Thomas W. Justice
3860 Skycrest Drive, Pasadena, CA 91107-1332
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
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634 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. #F, Sierra Madre, CA 91024
Thomas J. Morris
634 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., #F, Sierra Madre, CA 91024
This Business is conducted by: An Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on: March 15, 1997.
SIGN:
Thomas J. Morris
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on April 14, 1998.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS:
Hawley & Hatcher Interiors
61 Windsors Lane, Sierra Madre, CA 91024
Terryl Paul Hatcher
61 Windsors Lane, Sierra Madre, CA 91024
This Business is conducted by: An Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on: March 15, 1998.
SIGN:
Terryl Paul HatcherThis statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on April 21, 1998.
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Significant persons birthdays on May 14



46 y. ago (1952) David Byrne in England, rocker

52 y. ago (1946) Robert Jarvik, invented Jarvik 7 artificial heart

54 y. ago (1944) George Lucas, skywalker

05-14-1936 Bobby Darin, singer

73 y. ago (1925) Patrice Munsel in Spokane Wash



"My goal is to be remembered as a human being and as a great performer"
- Bobby Darin

79 y. ago (1919) Heloise and her helpful hints

113 y. ago (1885) Otto Klemperer, German conductor

211 y. ago (1787) Thomas Gainsborough, English landscape, portrait painter (Blue Boy)

227 y. ago (1771) Robert Owen, English factory owner, socialist

312 y. ago (1686) Gabriel Daniel Fahrenheit, physicist (or 0524)

682 y. ago (1316) Charles IV, king of Bohemia (1346-78), emperor (1355-78)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
T.S. No. HC-36708-C Loan No. 5500647
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED DECEMBER 1, 1995. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.
A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale.
TRUSTOR: Anke Hamalian and Anahid Hamalian, husband and wife as joint tenants Duly Appointed Trustee: Executive Trustee Services, Inc. Recorded March 7, 1995 as Instrument No. 95 353240, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles, County, California. Date of Sale: May 28, 1998 at 11:15 AM. Place of Sale: At the south exit to the Pasadena Municipal Court, 200 N. Garfield Ave., Pasadena, California Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: $617,446.95
Street Address or other common designation of real property: 2030 Vista Avenue Sierra Madre, California 91024 APN #: 5765-006-015
The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale.
Date: 4/28/98
Executive Trustee Services, Inc.
15455 San Fernando Mission Blvd. Suite #208 Mission Hills, CA 91345, (818) 361-6998 Kathleen Cowen, Trustee sale officer
Pub: 05/07/98, 05/14/98, 05/21/98
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ARCADIA NEWS

Arcadia Story Hotline—355-3324 · Arcadia, California • Thursday, May 14, 1998

From the Heart

By Dan Oakes

"There's nothing to compare it to. It's completely devastating," says Shelly Blechman. While human nature is to exaggerate, Shelly is simply speaking the truth, as she knows it. She is referring to the death of a child, an experience she has been through first-hand.

It was in 1995 that Shelly's son, Jared, was diagnosed with non-Hodgkins Lymphoma, a disease that she describes as "particularly aggressive." One month after entering Huntington Hospital, Jared died at the age of 13 1/2. Shelly was referred to a support group called "Heartfelt," which met on the third Monday of each month, in Arcadia. The group was invaluable.

"It doesn't work for everyone, but a tremendous number of people find a great deal of comfort in coming back. It's a safe, non-judgmental setting, and it's so important for parents to still talk about their children," said Shelly.

Heartfelt was started by Jeri Miller, in 1977, following the death of her son, Chris. For over 20 years, Jeri continued as President. The group trained support parents to man a 24-hour hotline, printed monthly newsletters, held monthly meetings, and an annual Memorial Picnic. Heartfelt managed to reach almost 4,000 bereaved families. Jeri retired from that position, effective after the Spring newsletter was printed and the April meeting was held. With the investment and concern of innumerable families, however, the spirit of Heartfelt could not be allowed to fade away; Shelly is taking over as President of the group, which will now continue under the name "Healing Hearts." Most of the board members will stay on, also.

Wrote Shelly, "Change is always difficult. No one knows this better than bereaved parents. But some change is not always bad. In this case, the support group will be changing its name...but not its ability to be there for you and others in need."

Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month, at the Fireside Lounge at the Arcadia Presbyterian Church, 121 Alice Street. The Fireside Lounge is a meeting room, and Shelly stresses that meetings are non-demoninational. 12-40 people show up at the meetings. "It's a great relief to speak to someone else who has had the experience," says Shelly. "Most of us don't think we're going to survive. There are thoughts of suicide, marriages break up....but the meetings help. You find ways to adapt. We have parents who have lost children to accidents, disease, drowning....it doesn't really matter. The questions are the same. Why?"

The meetings produce a gradual transition; at first, members rely on the support of those who have been in the group longer than they. Without noticing when it happens, they discover that they themselves have become the voice of experience, the shoulder to lean on. Three years after coming to her first meeting, Shelly is helping to keep the group alive.

The 24-hour Healing Hearts Hotline is (626) 308-8222. The address is P.O. Box 70315, Pasadena, CA 91117-0315. Contributions are tax-deductible.

The following poem appeared in the Spring newsletter:

Don't Be Afraid to Speak to Me of My Child

Don't be afraid to speak to me of my child
you can't hurt me, my pain is already too deep
you can't make me feel worse,
I've already experienced the worst.
don't be afraid to remind me, because I
never forget.
don't worry you'll make me cry, I never
stop (sometimes my tears are just hidden on the
inside)
don't try to say empty words that don't fit
or may hurt,
a hug would be just fine.
Don't hide or walk away when you see me, if I've
finally come out from my isolation, it must be
because I need you, I need to be acknowledged.
Don't be afraid of me, what I have is not catching
unless you can't face the possibility that this
ultimate tragedy could happen to you too.
But if you speak to me of my child
we can share in his memory, to forget
would be more painful than to remember
we can share a tear, it's good to know my
child had an impact on your life too
we can share a happy memory, our smiles
bring the memories of my child's smile
we can share our love of my child, it's just
more proof of how special he was
we can share our pain, we have each been
touched by his loss, just in different ways
we can share a special moment from the
past be remembering my child, he will live on
If you speak to me of my child
I will appreciate your courage
and sensitivity
I will feel that you care about him and me
and if you do care, please speak to me of
my child.

-Shelly and Robert Blechman, in loving memory of Jared Allen Blechman.

No Water Rate Increase in Arcadia This Year

A decrease in expenditures, successful water programs, continuing water conservation efforts by Arcadia customers, and the rainfall from El Nino, translates into good news for Arcadia residents and business owners. The Arcadia Maintenance Services Department has announced that for the first time in many years, there will be no water rate increase during fiscal year 1998-99.

The City staff has reduced operation and maintenance expenditures while ensuring the reliability of the water system, complying with water quality standards, and retaining the existing level of service. Additionally, a leak detection program and a comprehensive large meter-testing program have been completed, both of which have been added to the rate-setting analysis. City officials are pleased to report that when compared to eight neighboring water agencies, Arcadia's average bimonthly water bill is over $6 less. According to Arcadia Mayor Gary Kovacic, "This is a perfect example of our continuing efforts to keep costs down."

Learning Disabilities Association Day at the Races

The over 800 families who benefit from the services provided by the Los Angeles Chapter of the Learning Disabilities Association will be the real winners in a Day at the Races at Santa Anita Park, according to chapter spokesman Mike Federico of South Pasadena.

The local chapter, which is headquartered in Sierra Madre, is affiliated with the only national organization devoted to defining and finding solutions to a broad range of learning problems. The Foothill-area support group sponsors a library of videos and books to help parents of learning disabled children. For more information about LDA, call (626) 355-0240.



Taking part in a Day at the Races fund-raiser for the Los Angeles Chapter of the Learning Disabilities Association are Laurel Anderson of South Pasadena, Judy McKinley of Arcadia, and Mike and Hope Federico of South Pasadena.

Mountjoy Supports Free License Plates for POW's

The Senate Transportation Committee approved legislation by Senator Richard Mountjoy (R-Arcadia) to exempt California veterans who are former prisoners of war (POW'S) from vehicle license plate fees.

Senator Mountjoy's SB 1462 extended to POW's the same exemption now given to disabled veterans with a 100% service-related disability and Congressional Medal of Honor recipients.

"POW's endured tremendous hardship and suffering in defense of our country. They have given far more to America than we can give back to them," Senator Mountjoy stated.

Senate Bill 1462 was approved with a unanimous vote, and has been sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee, which will consider the financial impact of the measure in the next few weeks.

Senate Bill 1462 also provides a new license plate design. The changes include a replica of the Prisoner of War medal and the words "Ex-Prisoner of War" across the bottom of each plate.

Although the exact number of POW's living in California is unknown, it is projected to be only about 3,000.

"The courage, bravery, and sacrifice of these veterans is great. Providing a complimentary vehicle license plate is the least California could do for them," Senator Mountjoy concluded.

Free Internet Service at Arcadia Public Library

The Arcadia Public Library received an InFoPeople Grant which provides funding for free Internet service to the public. The library began this service Monday, May 4. There are two free stations, one in the Tech Center, and one in the Children's Room, in addition to the $2.00 fee-based stations which now exist.

Training sessions will be available at designated time slots, and volunteers from the community will be scheduled to assist patrons. Residents are encouraged to take advantage of this new program. To schedule training sessions, please call (626) 821-5569.

Arcadia Police Calls

The Arcadia Police Department responded to 522 calls for service, of which 149 required formal investigations, from Wednesday, May 6 to Tuesday, May 12. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during the period.

Wednesday, May 6:

1. Around 3:57 a.m., officers responded to the 900 block of W. Huntington regarding a residential hot prowl. The victims awoke to find an intruder inside their apartment. The suspect took a pager and fled the location. An area check was conducted, but the suspect was not found.

Thursday, May 7:

2. At 10:19 a.m., units were called to Eilte Westerner, 161 Colorado Place, regarding a disturbance. Officers arrived to find a 27 year old male suspect standing outside a room naked. The suspect was under the influence of a controlled substance and was arrested at the scene. It was later determined that the suspect had engaged in sex and shared rock cocaine with a female subject. During a disagreement, the female subject locked the suspect out of their room.

Friday, May 8:

3. Officers responded to Arcadia High School around 8:12 p.m. to investigate a battery. Two students from John Muir High School were involved in an ongoing altercation, and at the track meet, a confrontation took place. One student was hit on the head, which rendered him unconscious. AFD paramedics responded to help the student, but he awoke and became very combative and assaulted the paramedics. The student had to be subdued, and was transported to AMH for treatment. When questioned at the hospital, the student claimed that he did not recall being combative towards the paramedics.

Saturday, May 9:

4. At 9:49 a.m., units were dispatched to the 400 block of W. Naomi regarding a dog attack. Officers arrived to find two rottweilers attacking a female victim in her yard. One officer had to use OC pepper spray to defend himself, and another officer had to shoot a dog in the upper torso with a stun-bag. This action caused the dogs to retreat. The victim sustained bites to her arms, legs, and buttocks, and was transported to AMH by the paramedics. The two dogs belonged to the victim's neighbor, and they were taken to the Pasadena Humane Society.

5. A woman was en route to pick up her husband at the soccer field by City Hall when she rear-ended another vehicle at Huntington and Morlan around 1:22 p.m. Moments later, she was involved in another accident by City Hall when she tried to turn left into the parking lot from the center lane.

6. Around 3:45 p.m., an officer was flagged down by witnesses who reported that a man appeared to be badly hurt on Colorado, west of Second. A male victim had a large wound on the side of his head and was bleeding profusely. The paramedics rendered aid and transported the victim to Huntington Memorial Hospital. The victim had sustained a depressed skull fracture. Investigation is continuing in this matter.

Sunday, May 10:

7. Officer were sent to 1401 S. Baldwin regarding an injury solo traffic accident at 6:27 p.m. The female driver had a learner's permit, and was making a turn into the parking lot when her husband felt that her turn was too wide, and was in danger of hitting another vehicle. He pulled on the emergency brakes, which caused the driver to lose control of the vehicle. The car struck a concrete pillar, and airbags were deployed, causing injury to the driver's arm.

Monday, May 11:

8. At 12:57 a.m., units were called to the 800 block of Coronado to investigate a family disturbance. During an altercation, the wife slapped and punched her husband, and later threw a picture at him. The 32 year old female Hispanic suspect was taken into custody. The suspect was also arrested recently for the same offense.

9. After a lengthy investigation, a 36 year old male African-American suspect was arrested for grand theft property in North Hollywood. The suspect embezzled money and falsified expense reports.

10. Around 6:12 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 600 block of S. Second regarding a burglary in progress. Witnesses observed a male Hispanic suspect entering a residence through a window. The suspect was not found during a check of the home and surrounding areas.

11. After a short foot pursuit, a 29 year old male Hispanic suspect was arrested for grand theft. The suspect purchased over $1,200 in merchandise from Robinson's May after opening up a credit line with a fake driver's license and stolen credit card. He then attempted to open up another credit account at Macy's when an alert employee noted the fraudulent driver's license.

12. At 7:07 p.m., officers observed the aftermath of a traffic collision at Foothill and Michillinda. The victims reported that they were rear-ended by another vehicle. When they confronted the driver of the other vehicle, the male Hispanic suspect ran from the accident scene. A records check later revealed that the car was reported stolen out of Pasadena.

13. Around 9:06 p.m., officers responded to the 2500 block of S. Sixth regarding a possible stalking incident. The victim informed officers that she has been followed on several occasions by her ex-boyfriend. The suspect has also been making annoying phone calls to her residence.

Arcadia Letters to the Editor

Honor Them All, and Their Deeds

From the shores of Tripoli, to the sands of Iwo Jima, to the beaches of Normandy, to the landing in Inchon, to the jungles of Vietnam, to the sands of Desert Storm.

This month, we will share the two-day observance: Armed Forces Day on the 16th of May, and Memorial Day on the 25th of May. (observed)

Armed Forces Day honors every man and woman in uniform, active, retired, and veterans alike. It is a day set aside to recognize their contributions to the defense of our great nation.

Memorial Day is the day set aside to pay homage to those men and women who have given their lives for our great country.

And it is only fitting that within the same month, we pay homage and remember - those who have gone before us.

For our nation to have endured, unconquered, for more than two centuries, is a tribute to her fighting forces. This freedom was not gained without sacrifice. In cemeteries around the world and within holy ground are found our heroes.

Not every grave bears a marker, but every last fighting man and woman who did not return is remembered by someone.

Therefore, as we mark the passage of May, we say "Thank you" to those who gave their lives.

We should share the spirit with which those young men and women and the battle-hardened veterans who stand together to deter aggression.

And in observing those holidays which will be the first to pass, we must reflect upon the sacrifices of those who "fought the good fight" which makes the very observance of each of these occasions possible.

-Edward Bacon, SSG #E6, U.S. Army (Ret.)

In Support of Firefighters

As a tax paying citizen of Arcadia, I have great concern over the lack of truthful information reported by Mr. Bob Harbicht at the last Arcadia City Council meeting. As an elected city official, Mr. Harbicht has a duty to state the facts, not fling wild accusations as fact, as he so often accuses his critics of doing. As the wife of an Arcadia firefighter, I am deeply saddened by all of the attacks that have been leveled against the Arcadia Firefighters Association by a city official on a political witch hunt.

I will touch on only a few of the many false statements made by Mr. Harbicht.

By accusing the Association of being single-handedly responsible for the defeat of the utility tax in the April election, Mr. Harbicht is saying that 71% of the people who voted against the tax are even mind-numbed robots marching in lock-step with the fire fighters. He is either not giving enough credit to the power of the people, or too much credit fo the power of the Arcadia firefighters. Could it be that the people in this city stated for the second time, the expectation they have of wanting city management to get their house in order before coming to the citizens for more money?

Mr. Harbicht accused the firefighters of trying to ruin a great department with their talk of wanting to contract with Los Angeles County Fire Department. I challenge Mr. Harbicht to reevaluate just who is trying to ruin the Arcadia Fire Department. The firefighters have worked very hard for many years to bring this department up to the highest standard attainable, a Class 1 rating. Budget cuts made by our last city council (Mr. Harbicht included) have reduced department engine company manning by 25%. There are now only five men responding to each rescue call, instead of the previous six men. Also, we have an almost non-existent fire prevention bureau. As was proven in the recent death of an L.A. City Fire Captain, these reductions in service have put the life of the firefighter in jeopardy. Arcadia can now only provide the services of a Class 3 department at best, and the firefighters see L.A. County Fire being run at a higher standard than we now have or will have in the future. These firemen are professionals, and they all share much frustration at having to wait for backup before being able to do what they have trained to do: SAVE LIVES! The safety of the firefighter and the reduced services to the people are the main concerns of the men and their families.

Mr. has also accused the firefighters of using funds raised from their annual pancake breakfast to help push their cause. He has no facts to back up this statement. The Association has never used any money raised by the community for anything but community services. Through the years, the funds raised have been donated to various scout troops, ball teams, the Burn Foundation, the Burn Center, Red Cross, Arcadia Child Health Council, Arcadia High School, Arcadia Historical Society, etc. Last year, the firefighters even roofed the house of an elderly citizen in need. All in all, over the last seven years, the Association has given more than $25,000 back to the community.

I and my sons are very proud of their dad and the rest of the people working for the Arcadia Fire Department. Never in the 25 years that my husband has been with Arcadia, have we felt the lack of respect or regard that we now feel coming from City Hall. The firemen put their lives on the line every day to protect the citizens and help to make Arcadia a safe place to live. How can anyone fault them for wanting to do what's best for their families and the community?

-Gloria Metz

More Support for Firefighters

I watch with interest the televised accounts of the Arcadia City Council meetings. Most of the time, I think the council does a pretty good job. Sometimes, however, I wonder what we as citizens ever saw in a council candidate when we were voting. I'm not talking about the newest members of the council. I'm talking about the elder statesman of the council, the patriarch, the former mayor and current councilman, Bob Harbicht.

In past council meetings, I have heard Mr. Harbicht cruelly put down citizens who speak up at meetings and cautions the viewers not to give them any credit, because their facts aren't exactly right. They're just exercising their civic right to be heard in public forum, sometimes daring to differ from his opinion.

I agree that in official meetings of the city council, accuracy as well as honesty should be strived for in public forum. But, don't you think that should go for Council members as well as citizens? How do you explain Mr. Harbicht's remarks about the "Arcadia Tax Fighter's Assocation?" Here is a member of the council, sworn to serve the citizens of Arcadia. It seems to me that when 70% of the voters say "NO!" to measure "A" and the failed "Fire Assessment District Tax" six months ago, he should get the message loud and clear. That's a mandate of the peopel! Find another way to balance the budget, don't keep trying to raise taxes!

I'm an Arcadia Tax Fighter and I'm not a fireman! Quit trying to blame our brave firemen for something the citizens voted on. A bad tax or an unnecessary tax should be voted down. I voted "NO" because I'm on a fixed income like a lot of other over taxed seniors, not because I'm against kids! Shame on you, Mr. Harbicht!

Our firefighters do wonderful things in our community, not limited to their pancake breakfast at the new fashion park fire station. The money they raise goes to charity right here in our own city. Mr. Harbicht, before the youth master plan was a big idea, the firemen were contributing to the kids through sports and scouts and one of my favorites, the Arcadia Child Health Council. I'm sure there are others as well. You should check your facts before you shoot your mouth off!

Blatantly trying to mislead the citizens against the firemen because of your bad tax is not something we should condone from you as a member of the city council. I think you should apologize at the next council meeting. I'll be watching.

-Viola Adler

La Salle JV Softball Team Gains Experience

The La Salle Lancer JV softball team played Blair at home on Wednesday, May 6. Coach Mike Harper played only freshmen behind junior pitcher Tanya Ward. Blair scored three runs in the top of the first inning. The first six Lancers walked in the bottom of the inning, as their aggressiveness on the basepaths bothered the Blair battery. Rebecca Hadfield, Heather McMillan and Kim Havens all stole home, as six Lancers crossed the plate. Blair added a run in the second inning. Sonja Ramos, the Blair pitcher, found the strike zone in the bottom of the inning, giving Ward an opportunity to single up the middle. She stole second and third, and Havens laid down a perfect bunt to score her. Vanessa Ward doubled and Erin Civitate walked to load the bases. Krist Edwards singled to score Havens. Gabriel Galgoul hit a sharp grounder that the Blair third baseman threw away, and two more Lancers crossed the plate, and the score increased to 11-4.

Although Ward struck out two in the third inning, two Lancer errors and two hits allowed Blair to score four runs. Civitate got the only hit of the third inning, and the fourth began with the Lancers ahead, 11-8. Freshman ace Katie Beaston took over pitching duties, and sophomore Allyson Coates donned the catcher's gear, as Hadfield had sprained her finger on a play at the plate. Beaston struck out the first batter and got the second one on a Civitate to Galgoul ground out, before she walked the next batter. The last batter hit weakly back to Beaston, who threw her out, and another victory was in the books, improving the Lancers' record to 15-5.

Four of those five losses were by one run each, including a 1-0 loss to Temple City, and a 3-2 ten-inning heartbreaker to Redondo Beach. The Lancers' stronges game to date was the previous week, when La Salle's JVs, who actually have only one junior on the team, beat the Arcadia Frosh-soph team, 7-4. The Apaches will seek revenge on Tuesday, when they play the Lancers again.

La Sallians to Continue Soccer Careers

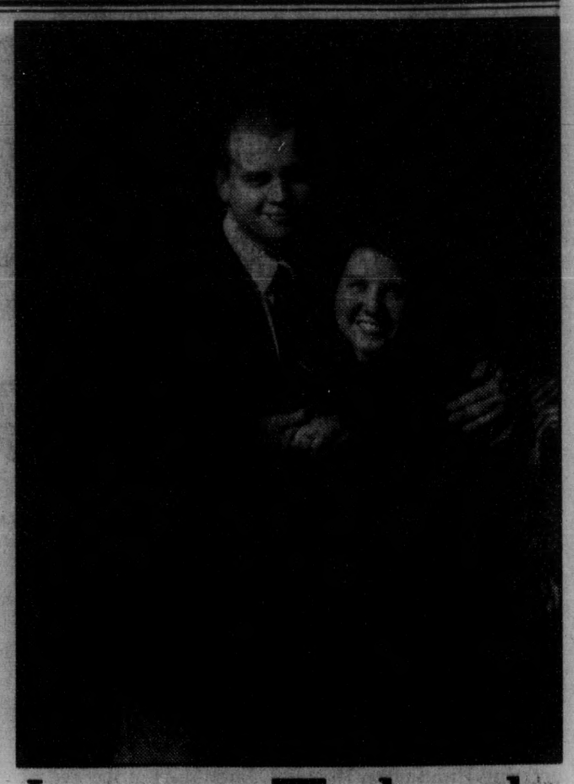
Dan Sheridan and Yvonna Rowinski have signed letters of intent to play soccer at Division I colleges, Sheridan at Loyola Marymount University, and Rowinski at Jacksonville University. LMU, which plays in the tough West Coast Conference, recently hired Assistant UCLA coach Paul Krumpke to be the Lions' head coach. Sheridan, who also plays football and baseball for the Lancers, had considered continuing his soccer career at either UC Davis or UMass. Sheridan, the Lancers four-year starting goalkeeper, was an All-Far West selection, and ended his career three short of a CIF record, with 43 career shutouts. He plans to major in civil engineering.

Rowinski was spotted playing for La Salle by a Jacksonville alumnus, who notified coach Aleks Mihailovic of her ability. She took a recruiting trip last month, and met the coach and the team, which consists of girls mainly from the Southeast, but also from Norway and Sweden. Jacksonville, a school of 3,000 students, plays in the TransAmerican Athletic Conference. Rowinski, a four-year starter who helped lead the Lancers to CIF finals as a sophomore, and an All-CIF selection, scored 16 goals and had 10 assists this year. Her club team, the Flash, just competed in the National Cup tournament, where they lost in the quarterfinals.

Arcadia Monthly Building Report

NEW SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE	VALU.
205 W. Hacienda Dr.	$603,760.00
631 W. Walnut Ave.	$437,829.00
246 W. Lemon Ave.	$616,049.00
441 W. Walnut Ave.	$383,309.00
1212 S. Second Ave.	$419,796.00
1102 S. Sixth Ave.	$633,902.00

NEW MULTI-FAMILY	VALUATION
215 E. Alice St. (Detached Condo)	$185,911.00
217 E. Alice St. (Detached Condo)	$174,788.00
156 E. Alice St. (Detached Condo)	$198,458.00
154 E. Alice St. (Detached Condo)	$199,221.00
158 E. Alice St. (Duplex)	$423,787.00
333 E. Eldorado St. (4 Attached Condos)	$818.966.00
335 E. Eldorado St. (Detached Condo)	$205,214.00
205 S. Fifth Ave. (4 Attached Condos)	$831,172.00



Leupp-Terbush Wedding

Valerie J. Leupp of Arcadia and William D. Terbush of Yuba City have announced their engagement. A June 6 wedding is planned at Church of the Good Shepherd in Arcadia. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Peggy and Richard Leupp of Arcadia. She is a graduate of Arcadia High School and USC.

The groom-to-be is the son of Mildred and Donald Terbush of Yuba City. He is a graduate of Faith Christian High School and USC, and is a student at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Ill.

The couple met at USC through mutual friends in the dormitory. Bill proposed to Valerie on June 28,1997, on a camping trip in the High Sierras. The couple will move to Deerfield, where Bill will continue his seminary education.

Santa Anita Bowling Green Guys & Dolls Tournament

On the 8th of May, the Santa Anita Bowling Green Club held its annual "Guys and Dolls" tournament.

The 'A' Flight winners were: Hazel Stevens (Arcadia) and Bob Hill (San Gabriel). The 'A' Flight Runners up were: Eileen Donohue (Pasadena) and Bob Virza (Covina).

The 'B' Flight winners were: Joan Wignall (El Monte) and Gene Plunkett (Pasadena). The 'B' Flight runners up were: Ruth Cornell (San Marino) and Bob Padget (Arcadia).

The next event for the Santa Anita Lawn Bowlers will be the Intra-Club tournament finals on the 15th of May.

If you think you would like to try Lawn Bowling, call Dick Elliott at (626) 447-0532 to arrange free lessons. We have a lot of fun events coming up in May and June, so why not join in the fun? Call Dick, and he'll get you started. All you need is flat sole shoes with no heels and the desire to learn. See ya!

Arcadia Historical Society Presents Perspective on Flags

Carl Goodman, Patriotic Chairman of the Kiwanis International for California, Nevada, and Hawaii, will speak on "Flags in American History" at the Arcadia Historical Society meeting to be held at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 W. Campus Drive, Arcadia, at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 17, 1998.

Mr. Goodman will display 31 flags and tell about events that were going on when these flags were used.

Refreshments will be served at the adjoining museum building. The public is invited at no charge.

Speaking of Arcadia to Spotlight Methodist Hospital Volunteers

The next edition of "Speaking of Arcadia" highlights the hard work and dedication of the people who volunteer at Methodist Hospital. During a tour of the facility, Council Member Bob Harbicht visits with a number of volunteers and views first-hand the dedication and devotion with which they approach their "work." Time and time again, these people expressed not only their commitment to community service, but how extremely gratifying they find the experience of being able to help those in need. In addition, the tour gave us somewhat of a behind-the-scenes look at hospital operations, one which we found interesting and informative.

Speaking of Arcadia airs on cable channel 20 every Monday and Friday at 7:00 p.m., and Saturday at 3:00 p.m. If you want to stay up to date about what is going on in your town, remember to tune in. Videotapes of previous shows may be borrowed from the Library and Chamber of Commerce.

The City welcomes your comments about the program, as well as your suggestions for future shows. Please feel free to call Linda Garcia at 574-5403 with your suggestions.

Winnie the Pooh at Hastings Branch Library

Celebrate everyone's favorite bear - Winnie the Pooh - at the Hastings Branch of the Pasadena Public Library on Thursday, May 21, at 4:00 p.m.

A large private collection of Winnie the Pooh memorabilia will be featured, as well as stories, a video, a craft, and refreshments. Children are invited to bring their own Winnie stuffed animals, or wear their Pooh clothing. This special afternoon program is suitable for children ages 4-10, and is presented free of charge.

The Hastings Branch Library is located at 3325 E. Orange Grove Boulevard. Call (626) 792-0945.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

Guide To Local Houses of Worship

Connecting with the Church

By Helen Simmons Conroy

One in a series of interviews conducted to explore why and how St. Rita's parishioners connect with the Catholic Church.

Interview with Christine Strohm

"I can't imagine not going to church", were Christine's first words when I asked her about her connection with the Catholic Church. "I was raised in a Catholic family and attended parochial schools. When I went away to college and found out I was on my own; I became even closer to the Church. It was my refuge. The church structure itself became a place where I could go to feel safe. After college I married in the Catholic Church. My husband was not Catholic—Episcopalian. Like all young brides I thought I could make him change. I wanted him to convert to Catholicism. Finally I realized he wasn't going to become a Catholic, and I had to respect his wishes. Ten years ago, Christine and her husband moved to Sierra Madre. She started attending St. Rita's Church. "Within a month I was so touched by the parish community. I felt so welcomed." In other parishes she had felt a bit isolated, not having children. At St. Rita's that didn't matter. Monsignor Cokus was more than open armed." Christine recalled an incident that occurred about two years after she had started attending church at St. Rita's. She wasn't sure of the Holy Week schedule. On Ash Wednesday, she went to church after work for what she thought would be an evening Mass. The evening Mass for giving ashes had taken place the night before. The church was empty except for one lone person— Monsignor Cokus. He was there inspecting something in the church. He asked Christine what she was doing there. She explained that she had come for ashes. He made a special effort to give her ashes as he could see in her face how much she had wanted to receive them.

Christine also mentioned a special elderly couple that used to sit with her for many years at Mass. They would come early to Mass to chat together each week. Christine has very special memories of this. They also were instrumental in getting her involved with the Guild. Her neighbor invited Christine to join her in cleaning the church once a week so they could spend time together. Christine enjoyed this activity and became the Assistant Sacristan two years ago. When she found out from her mother that her grandmother used to do the same thing at her church for many years, it seemed even more special as she was carrying on a family tradition. As an Assistant Sacristan, Christine has enjoyed learning a new appreciation for the sacredness and significance of the various paraphernalia used in celebrating the Mass. She has a different respect for everything in the Church, knowing more about what is behind all of its' rituals. Christine also enjoys the fact that her position, as Assistant Sacristan, has brought her husband to the Church to assist with various tasks. Even though he doesn't attend Mass, he graciously offers to help her with various Sacristan projects that require a lot of strength, such as when Monsignor Cokus needs assistance to carry the heavy nativity statures down from the loft for Christmas. He fills in, on occasion, when regular Holy Housekeepers can't come to help. Christine beamed with pride when she told me about her husband's involvement—it showed that he cared enough about her to help with something because she cared about—for no other reason.

Another connection to the Church that Christine enjoys tremendously is being an adult altar server. She just became an altar server this past April. She said it was the perfect way to celebrate her fortieth birthday that month, as it was the realization of something she had wanted to become since she was a young girl. Slightly teary-eyed, Christine described the feeling she got the first time she practiced bringing the chalice up to the altar before consecration, while training to become an altar server. "Nothing was between me and the altar. I had never felt so close to God before. I felt I was on sacred territory. The experience made me feel that God was part of my life that day, not just someone I will eventually meet in heaven."

Obituary

Harold Spears

The Sierra Madre News would like to thank Eloise Bruni who reminded us that although we had a notice of Mr. Spears passing in our April 9 edition, we did not run the full story—here is the full tribute to one of Sierra Madre's beloved.

SPEARS, Harold passed away on March 25, 1998 from complications suffered as a result of a fall. Mr. Spears was born on April 8, 1908 in Providence, Rhode Island.

Harold Spears came to Sierra Madre in 1917, when his family moved here from Napa, California. Soon after arriving in town, Mr. Spears' mother died, and he went to work to support his family. While his father worked as a custodian at the Congregational Church and the Sierra Madre Library, Harold worked at odd jobs while he went to school in Sierra Madre.

In 1931, he met Elizabeth Bowman, who became his devoted wife, Betts. Together, they began an exciting life that left a large contribution to the City of Sierra Madre. Harold began building his first house in 1934 at 649 W. Grandview. He built it out of salvaged lumber he bought while working for another builder. He and his wife pulled the nails out of the lumber and built the house for a profit. That money was used to purchase 10 acres that became a chicken ranch, and then more houses. At one time, Harold sold chickens to Lizzie's Trail Inn for their famous fried chicken dinners. Harold went on to build more than 80 homes in Sierra Madre on five subdivisions and several single lots.

Harold served the community as a member of the Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Department for 13 years. He retired having earned the rank of engineer. At the Department's 75th anniversary dinner, Harold played an important part. He was present at age 11 in 1919, when the Sierra Madre Bakery burned. That was the fire that convinced the community that it needed its own fire department. He then grew up in town and served on the Fire Department, driving the original fire engine, 'Old Snort', a 1921 American La France pumper. During the war years, Harold was one of the firemen who spent the nights at the fire station, always ready to respond to the Japanese bombs. He and the rest of the firemen passed the evenings with Harold's favorite pastimes, playing cards. When he passed away, Harold was the oldest surviving member of the Sierra Madre Fire Department.

In the 1940's, Harold built the framework for the Sierra Madre Rose Float, along with Bobby Clark and some other members of the Fire Department. This was before the frames were made out of steel as they are today.

In the 50's, Harold got tired of building houses, and went into the greenhouse business. He built a plant in Rosemead where he built and sold greenhouses. He also sold fencing and, because he wanted a steady supply of grape stake, he built a sawmill in Idaho. He later became a cattle rancher and orange grower.

In 1985, his wife of 55 years, Betts, passed away. Harold spent the years following her death traveling and enjoying his loving family. He is survived by his son Jim, his six grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

The family has asked that any donations be made in Harold's name to the Sierra Madre Volunteer Firefighters Association, P.O. Box 911, Sierra Madre, CA 91025.

Alma Lord

LORD, Alma G., age 94, born July 10, 1903 in Vancouver, British Columbia, passed away May 11, 1998. She was a long-time resident of Pasadena, volunteered for the Pasadena Lawyer's Referral Service for over 20 years, was a member of the Pasadena Lawyer's Auxiliary and the Rainbow Division Veteran's Auxiliary. She was predeceased by her husband of 67 years, Otho G. Lord. She is survived by her daughters, Suzanne Manning (Robert), Josephine Mosier (Ronald), Leah Nosek (Thomas), Rosemary Wimmer (Joseph, deceased) and Sharon Gregory (Tim); 16 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-greatchildren. Memorial services will be Sunday, May 17, 2:00 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, Sierra Madre, where she and her husband were long-time members. Contributions to her memory may be made to the Church Memorial Fund. Douglass & Zook Mortuary, Monrovia, directors.

Carl Burt

BURT, Carl A. (Red) passed away last weekend. He was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on December 27, 1916. He was in the Navy from 12-8-41 until 1945. He managed Roesses Market's (later Crystal Farms) meat department from 1937-1987, with the exception of his military service, and during his working years, resided in Pasadena with his wife, Jane Holland Burt, and only daugther, Valerie K. Burt.

In 1988, Red moved up to Silver Lakes-Helendale, his house being on the seventh hole of the golf course. He thoroughly enjoyed his retirement years. He was preceded in passing by his wife, Jane, in 1984, and is survived by daughter Valerie K. Burt. Services will be held Saturday, May 23, 1998, at noon at the Inn at the Silver Lakes Golf Course. Friends are welcome. Call (909) 272-9565 for directions or information.

MATAKOVICH, Lorraine C

MATAKOVICH, Lorraine C., a member of St. Rita's Catholic Church in Sierra Madre and long-time volunteer at Santa Teresita Hospital in Duarte, passed away May 10, 1998, at age 77. Lorraine is survived by her children: Mary, George, Jeff, Marga, and Jean; sister, Bernadine Imblum, and four grandchildren. Memorial Mass, Thursday, May 14 at 10:00 a.m., will be held at St. Rita's. Contributions in her memory may be made to: Trinity Missions, c/o Fr. Leonard, Box 7130, Silver Springs, MD 20907-7130. Directors, Douglass and Zoo Mortuary, Monrovia.

Rev. Dr. Wood to Preach; Concert Premiere Set

by Fran Syverson

"Discipline is Not a Dirty Word" is the sermon title when the Rev. Dr. Philip B. Wood preaches at Church of the Good Shepherd (United Methodist) on Sunday, May 17, at 8 and 10 a.m. He will be officiating for the first time with his new degree of Doctor of Ministry in Evangelism (D.Min.) which will be conferred Saturday at the Claremont School of Theology. His sermon is based on John 14:23-29.

Nearly $10,000 in grants will be presented by the Church of the Good Shepherd Foundation, Inc., at the 10 o'clock service. Ten recipients will accept funds for projects to further the growth of the church in spirit and/or numbers.

World Premiere Concert

At the Good Shepherd Forum at 9 a.m., portions of a Sunday afternoon concert will be previewed by Timothy Farrell, music director, and Timothy Durkovic, organist, assisted by the choir.

The world premiere of "Behold, I Will Make All Things New" by James F. Hopkins will be presented at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary. Dr. Hopkins wrote the anthem especially for Church of the Good Shepherd. The program will include "Jubilate Deo" and five American Folk Hymns by Hopkins, and music by Mozart. Farrell will conduct the Chancel Choir and Chamber Orchestra. Durkovic will play Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 3 in A major, K.488.

Sunday School for children and youth is at 10 a.m. Child care or activities are offered at 8, 9, and 10 a.m.

The Rev. Matthew C.F. Chong leads the Chinese worship in the chapel at 11:15 a.m.

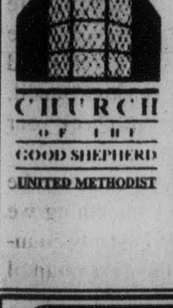
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Dolphins, Riptides Impress at Red, White, and Blue

Arcadia's Red, White, and Blue Invitational is a tradition for Southern California swim meets, extending back for decades. Last Saturday marked the 33rd annual Red, White, and Blue, and both the Arcadia Riptides and the Sierra Madre Dolphins were impressive, with Arcadia finishing in fourth place and Sierra Madre in sixth out of 16 teams.

Things stared out nicely for Riptides as early as event 1, when 10 year old Tassja Spindler finished third in the 9-10 100 Individual Medley, earning 4 points for her team with a time of 1:18.14. The Riptides' Kevin Wong duplicated the feat in the boys' 100 IM, with a time of 1:19.55. Kimberly Genian turned in a 5th place finish in the 8 & under IM (1:34.47). In the Boys 9-10 50 Free, Wong finished 6th to earn his team a point (31.88), just ahead of teammate Wei Tarng (32.43).

The Sierra Madre Dolphins got on the board with a vengeance in event 15, the Boys 9-10 Back. Christopher Quemena, the only 9 year old to place in the top 13, finished second, just 1/2 second from the win, to earn five points. In fifth place was Wong again for the Arcadia team. Genian added another award with a 6th place finish in the Girls 7-8 25 Back for the Riptides.

Spindler returned Arcadia to the awards table with a 3rd place finish in the Girls 9-10 50 Fly (35.22), and in the Boys' version of the same event, Quemena finished 3rd for the Dolphins (36.28), with Wong in 5th for Arcadia.

Amy Wilson sent a new Arcadia swimmer into the points, finishing 6th in the Girls 9-10 50 Breast (45.43). In the Boys 9-10 50 Breast, Sierra Madre's Christopher Quemena (of course) was 3rd with a time of 41.47. Zachary Spidell was 5th in the Boys 6 & Under 25 Breast (32.50). In the Boys 9-10 100 Free, the Dolphins' Christopher Quemena finished 5th in 1:10.22.

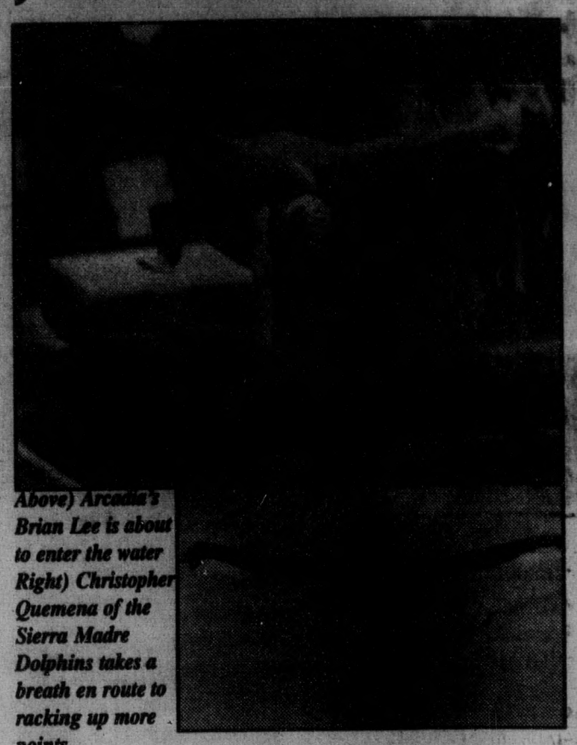
Ashley Armstrong scored a 2nd place award in the Girls 15-18 100 IM (1:12.13), while Arcadia's Tiffany Zupan finished 5th in the same event. In the Boys 15-18 100 IM, Dane Tice was 2nd for the Dolphins, while David Trefrey was 6th for the Riptides. Evelyn Garcia and Kristen Wong, for Arcadia, finished 4th and 6th respectively in the Girls 13-14 100 IM, and for the 13-14 Boys, Arcadia's Brian Lee finised 6th.

The Riptides' Daisy Rico finished 2nd in the Girls 11-12 100 IM, with a time of 1:07.47, and Joelle Johnson was 16/100 of a second out of sixth. For the Boys, Arcadia's Benjamin Cheung's 1:10.64 was good for 4th place, and 3 more points to his squad.

In the Girls 50 Free, Ashley Armstrong turned in a 27.02, to top all swimmers. Arcadia's Tiffany Zupan was 5th. In the Boys 50 Free, Charlie Campos finished 6th for Sierra Madre. Sierra Madre continued to impress in the 50 Free in the next age bracket (13-14), as Joanna Tice finished 3rd for the Dolphins, while Arcadia's Garcia was right behind her in 4th. In the 11-12 Girls Free, it was Arcadia's Daisy Rico tying for 2nd, and her teammate, Joelle Johnson, in 6th. In the Boys 11-12 50 Free, Arcadia's Benjamin Cheung was 3rd.

Ashley Armstrong picked up another win in the 15-18 50 Back, with a time of 32.10. On the Boys' side, David Trefrey finished 5th in the same event. In the Boys 13-14 50 Back, it was Arcadia's Brian Lee in 6th, with a time of 33.96. For the Girls in the 11-12 bracket, Arcadia picked up a 4th and 6th place finish, thanks to Daisy Rico and Joelle Johnson, respectively. Arcadia also added a 3rd in the Boys' Division, with Cheung turning in a 34.64.

In the 15-18 Girls 50 Fly, Arcadia's Zupan finished 2nd, and Sierra Madre's Armstrong was 3rd. For the Boys, Sierra Madre's Dane Tice was 1st with a time of 27.25. Dropping down to the 13-14 bracket, Garcia was 3rd among girls for the Riptides, and Brian Lee was 5th among Boys, also scoring for the Riptides. In the Girls 11-12, Daisy Rico finished 2nd for Arcadia, 7/100 of a second out 1st. For the Boys, Cheung and Kevin Lian picked up a 4th and 6th place finish for the Riptides, respectively.



Above) Arcadia's Brian Lee is about to enter the water Right) Christopher Quemena of the Sierra Madre Dolphins takes a breath en route to racking up more points.

Moving on to the 50 Breast, for the 15-18 Girls, Armstrong was 3rd for the Dolpins, and Ruth Trejo was 4th for the Riptides. For the Boys, the Dolphins' Charlie Campos was 5th, and the Riptides' David Trefrey was 6th. Arcadia's Jennelle Stacey was 3rd for the 13-14 Girls, and Brian Lee was 3rd for the 13-14 Boys, also for the Riptides. Daisy Rico took first in the 11-12 Girls, and also for Arcadia, Frank Sy and Kevin Lian finished 4th and 6th in the Boys' bracket.

Sierra Madre swept the 100 Free 1st place awards in the 15-18 bracket, as Armstrong was almost two full seconds ahead of the competition in the Girls', at 1:01.28, with Trejo finishing 5th for Arcadia, and Dane Tice led the way for the Boys, with teammate Charlie Campos in 6th, and Michael Chang of the Riptides finishing 4th. Dropping down to 13-14, Jennelle Stacey and Evelyn Garcia finished 4th and 6th, respectively, for the Riptides. Brian Lee was 5th among Boys 13-14 for Arcadia. Daisy Rico was more than 2 seconds ahead of the field for the 11-12 Girls, and teammate Johnson was in 3rd. Finally, for the Boys, Benjamin Cheung was 4th for Arcadia.

Unfortunately, as we went to press, the results of the relay events were not available.

Sierra Madre Dolphin Head Coach Mark Keith was in high spirits throughout the day. "I'm really happy and proud of all of my swimmers. It's going really well," said Keith.

Riptide Coach Kipp Sandvig was equally proud of his team, and attributed the success of his individual swimmers to the team philosophy of practicing. "We compete individually, but preparation for competition is best accomplished in a team environment," The Riptides' motto is "Team Pride, Personal Excellence."

Sandvig also wanted to thank Yazmin Trefrey, President of the Arcadia Riptides Booster Club, who put in a tremendous amount of time and energy into putting together the Red, White, and Blue Invitational for the last two months.

Both the Arcadia Riptides and Sierra Madre Dolphins are constantly accepting new swimmers.

Fire Station #2

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cerned about fire protection to join the Fire Department's rigorous testing and training program, and join the department.

"I take exception to comments about the Fire Department being 'negligent' in providing protection," said Tracy. He also stated that there was a lot of irony involved in the issue, and noted that Canyon residents who opposed the conversion of the station as being disruptive to the tranquility of a residential neighborhood "can't have it both ways" when they also argue against removing a fire station; if the station were to become an active station, there would be traffic and parking concerns far greater than if it were simply converted to a single-family residence.

Things got more heated when Miller Fisher tried to determine the viability of having non-manned fire station. "I am not a Fire Chief," said Miller Fisher, to which Tracy's response was, "Obviously." When Miller Fisher persisted, asking if other fire departments had other types of stations, Tracy responded, "Yes, they're called *paid* fire departments."

Tracy did agree that responding to the northeast part of town is a concern, and noted that the current fire station is not centrally located. He asked that if the Council chose to sell Fire Station #2, the proceeds be put into a station somewhere accessable. He also pointed out that the possibility of the Arcadia Fire Department's consolidating with Los Angeles County may result in the closure of a mutual aid station. "I'm trying to be proactive and provide the best protection possible on a volunteer basis."

One of Sierra Madre's firefighters said after the meeting that comments about a perceived "neglect" of the Canyon are discouraging and inaccurate. "We spend six months out of the year as volunteers training to deal with brush fires, which are essentially specific to the Canyon. Residents on Orange Grove could ask why we're paying so much attention to the Canyon. You don't want to be on Chief Tracy's bad side, but he knows his stuff. He is incredibly knowledgable when it comes to fire protection."

Councilmember Rob Stockly, a Canyon resident, stated that the Canyon gets "fairly good if not excellent service."

Councilmember Glenn Lambdin said that he saw two basic issues before the Council: 1) Was the method for taking bids appropriate, and 2) Should the structure be a residence? While he agreed that conversion to a residence would have an impact on neighbors, Lambdin stated that he didn't feel that impact would be unreasonable. "Mr. Sebree came forward in good faith with an honest bid. If we reject that bid, we've done him a disservice," said Lambdin.

Miller Fisher said, "I disagree. We don't owe him a fire station. The process was not noticed. That's one issue. It this a reasonable use? I think single family is O.K., but this is built into their back yards. They have no privacy from this building."

Sebree retook the podium to address Miller Fisher, saying, "As opposed as you are for this to be a residence, I'm amazed you bid on it with the written intent to make it a residence. I know you want conditions; I don't know if one of those conditions is that it be your residence." Sebree stated that his proposals, which were public record, do not include structural changes, and that the 14 inches of cement and dirt which make up the structure's walls will result in noise not being a factor. "I don't feel justice was served here," said Sebree.

When two others in attendance attempted to take the podium, Mayor Hayes, who had let Chief Tracy speak following closing the public hearing, said, "Enough's enough," and verified with City Clerk Nancy Shollenberger that the public hearing had in fact been closed, then called the question. The Council agreed with Chief Tracy's proposal to retain Fire Station #2 as a storage facility on a 3-1 vote, with Lambdin dissenting and Mayor Pro Tem Bart Doyle absent. In response to a question from City Administrator John Davidson as to whether the City should refund Sebree's application fees, Hayes responded, "Absolutely."

La Salle to Host Basketball Camp in June

La Salle High School Basketball Camp will be conducted from Monday, June 22 through Friday, June 26.

Camp 1 is for boys and girls ages 8-14. The fee is $100, and hours are from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

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The Camp Director is La Salle High School's head basketball coach, Steve Goldstein. The Lancer Basketball Camp is designed to provide a solid foundation in teaching the basic fundamentals of basketball. The Camp will challenge the beginners, as well as the more advanced players. Team drills and concepts will be used in addition to individual work. For further information, please contact La Salle High School at (626) 351-8951, Ext. 132.

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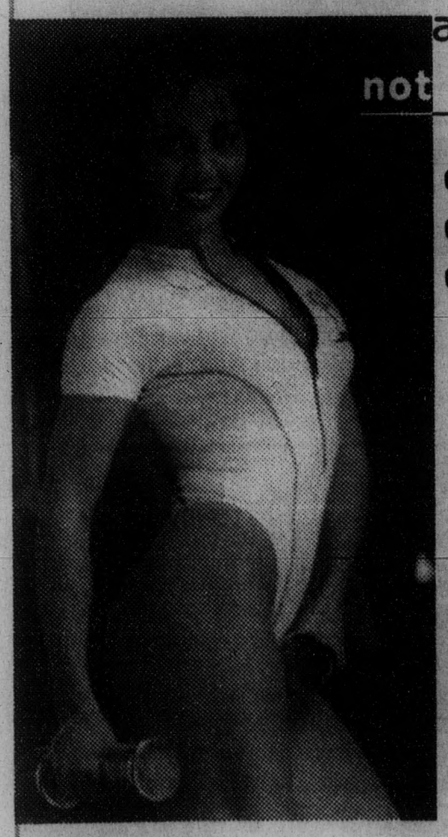
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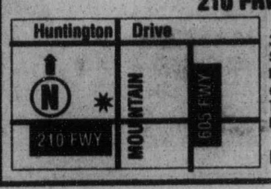
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